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Hard Hat Area

Football players need their helmets to protect them from the bruising hits of their sport. It took patience and a good sense of humor for students to survive the numerous changes that went into effect when school began.

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FRESHMEN on campus, a new school district, a seven-period day, more than a dozen new teachers, a new administrative team, and new programs like Army ROTC IMPACTED the opening of school. Students struggled to fill their schedules and learn the CAMPUS and new rules. A new era in Falcon history began as the school's first woman principal worked with student leaders to try to make LIFE as normal as possible.

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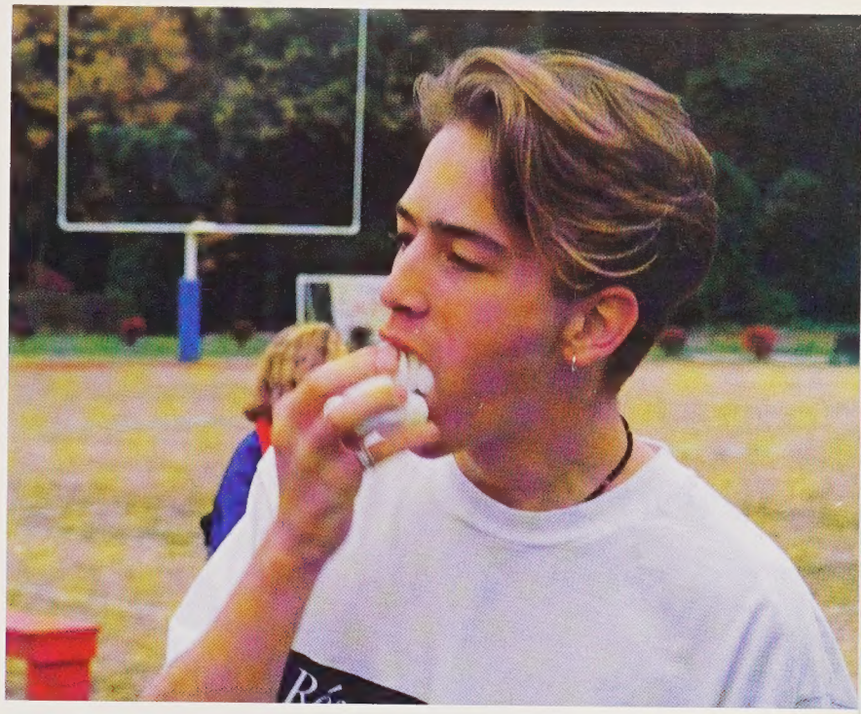
Present Colors
Members of the Army JROTC program, Andy Barnwell, Renee Rankin, Josh Taylor, Trevor Laughter, and Jeremiah Lentini, carry the flags onto the field before the homecoming game with Hendersonville. The JROTC program was introduced as part of a military science curriculum adopted by the Henderson County Board of Public Education.

Mouth Full

As part of a pep rally during football season, the cheerleaders force junior Jason Stewart to eat handfuls of marshmallows. Stewart was participating in a relay race.



Future Shock

In a homecoming contest, senior Alison Planck dresses up as Spanish teacher Maria Ashbrook. The seniors won free ice cream for having the best skit.

Reigning Beauty

Applauding Trevor Laughter's victory as powderpuff queen, senior class president Molly Zink presents Laughter and "her" escort Shelley Barker to the student body. Laughter won the crown by collecting the most money.

Falcon Walk

Flag corps members Jane Turpin and Keri Dickson lead the band down Main Street during the Apple Festival parade on Labor Day. The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders also represented the school in the parade.

Title Run
At the cross country conference meet, senior Amy Knox heads for the finish line. Knox won the girls' conference championship and went on to win the state title. Her teammates on both the girls' and boys' teams also won state team championships.

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A "no hats" rule was the most visible sign of new principal Kathy Revis's LEADERSHIP, but she allowed students to bend the rule a little for special spirit days. Silly hats and pajamas PROVIDED students with a tangible way to display their SCHOOL spirit. The members of the cross country teams found their own way to express school SPIRIT as both teams returned from Charlotte in November with state championships.

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The Achieving EXCELLENCE Program focused more attention on Falcon accomplishments. The faculty DISCOVERED new ways to recognize and celebrate achievements. Student organizations reinforced the standard of excellence IN the community and beyond. At times all the upheavals made everyone a little crazy, but they managed to pull together and carry on in the TRADITION of Falcon success.

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Double Take
Big Bird cannot believe his eyes as band direector John Dickson strips to reveal his bikini in a pep rally contest sponsored by the cheerleaders. Dickson and assistant principal Sandra Cook competed against several football players to raise school spirit.

Hand Off

Receiving the ball from the senior quarterback, Carmela Blankenship gains yardage for her team. The seniors won the annual powderpuff game during homecoming week.

Critical Condition

Health occupations students operate on a fatally wounded Bearcat as part of the homecoming parade. HOSA won prize money for the parade entry.

Doing homework for an additional class complicated life as students learned to cope with the seven-period day. In spite of a few more work sheets and reading assignments, the Falcons made time for jobs, sports, and recreational activities. Some traditions remained the same as

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students anticipated and enjoyed homecoming week, spirit days, the junior-senior prom, and graduation. All in all, balancing commitments and responsibilities with family and friends often made life intense.

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Blindman's Bluff

In drama class, senior Paul Walrath and junior Andrea Davies participate in a trust exercise designed to help students become more comfortable working with each other. "You have to trust one another in theater class," Walrath said. "I felt unsure because I didn't know Andrea very well, yet I felt safe."

Shared Moment

A bench beside the courtyard dance floor at Deer Park provides a comfortable place for Liberty Atkinson and Brian Israel to enjoy each other's company during the junior-senior prom.

Grand Entrance

A pleasant May evening creates the perfect setting as prom goers approach the entrance to Deer Park on the Biltmore Estate. The skies cleared in time for the prom.

All Smiles

Dancing away at her last prom, Nikki Fink and her date Jason Bower enjoy the music and the atmosphere at Deer Park.

Fashion Statement

Dressed in his "formal" shorts, Jimmy Fink confers with Amy Gardner and Marshall Collins at the junior-senior prom.

Weeks of planning and preparing culminate in

MAGIC MOMENTS

Juniors and seniors had different reactions and approaches to the prom at Deer Park on the Biltmore Estate. For the juniors, it was an occasion that was filled with anticipation and high expectations.

For the seniors, it was a time to feel nostalgic about the past before getting excited about the future. But for everyone it was a time to forget the stress and school and the upcoming exams and just kick back and enjoy the excitement.

Tired Feet

While watching everyone else dance, Jennifer Price and Steven Lapsley decide to take a break. "The prom was so much fun," Price said. "I liked being able to go out and enjoy myself not having to worry about a curfew."

"I enjoyed the prom," Courtney Edwards said. "It was fun seeing all your friends dressed up and having fun together. It was a good chance to get together with everybody."

Early in the evening it looked like rain might spoil the evening, but it cleared off. "Being out in the open with fresh air and the plant life and along with everyone dressed in their best, it created a pleasant atmosphere of fun for everyone," Trevor Laughter said.

As the prom ended at midnight, it didn't mean the night and fun had to end. Friends and dates gathered at parties.

Trina Wilson said, "After the prom, a couple of my friends and their dates and I went to a boat house on Lake Lure and stayed there all night."

While the night quickly ended, prom goers said they thought the memories would last forever. "I'll remember how fun it was to dance with six or seven people at one time," Matt Leclercq said. ▼

Graduation speaker encourages Class of '93 to

AVOID BUZZARDS

The blizzard of March pushed graduation to June 4, more than a week later than the seniors had expected, and it took a petition for them to have it outside like they wanted.

School officials first announced that all the schools in the county would have their commencement exercises indoors to prevent a repeat of the last minute problems of the year before. That decision did not please the seniors, so they started a petition drive. The class officers met with school officials and persuaded them to change their minds.

The weather was perfect, and graduation did take place on Johnson Field. A prank planned by the seniors backfired when the senior sponsors found out about it. The seniors had decided to hand pennies to Dr. Thomas Ledbetter, assistant superintendent, as he handed them their diplomas and shook their hands.

Dr. Gurney Chambers, dean of the School of Education and Psychology at Western Carolina University and the commencement speaker, asked the Class of '93 to "avoid the black bag" and the buzzards found inside. These buzzards included fear, a lack of self-confidence, and other self-defeating behaviors.

By participating in the ceremony, the junior marshals got a first-hand impression of what it would be like to graduate. "I thought it was neat that the marshals had the opportunity to experience graduation without having to leave school," Keri Waldrop said. ▼

Music Maker

As he waits for the ceremony to begin, David Atkins plays a song of joy outside the gym where the seniors lined up. "The seniors were crazy with happiness as they looked forward to their new life," junior marshal Josh Merrell said.

Sage Advice

Holding a black bag for the audience to see, the commencement speaker, Dr. Gurney Chambers , challenges the seniors to avoid the perils inside. Chambers was the dean of the School of Education at Western Carolina University.

Subdued Reaction

After receiving her diploma from assistant superintendent Dr. Thomas Ledbetter, Stephanie Cone expresses her delight. Cone was the student body president.

Waiting Line

One of the 233 soon-to-be graduates, Laurie Bailey prepares to walk across the stage for her diploma.

Final Seconds

Chief junior marshal Shelley Barker checks to see if it is time to lead the Class of '93 down the hill to begin graduation.

Homecoming week provides opportunity for

SPIRIT PARADE

homecoming week seemed to have more activities than class time — activities that included an assembly, spirit days, the powderpuff game, a parade and a pep rally.

Students kicked off the annual spirit week with an assembly and class skit competition. During the assembly, the homecoming court was introduced and the senior class won ice cream for having the best skit. "It was very educational because we learned how to work together and it brought out our school spirit," junior Ronnie Coren said.

The seniors continued their winning streak in the powderpuff game. "I had a lot of fun, though it got a little rough at times. We could have used one more practice, but I think it turned out okay," junior Barclay Driscoll said.

The senior class sponsored the school's first homecoming parade on Friday as part of the pep rally. "For it being the first year of having the parade, I think it went over pretty well," senior Alison Planck said.

Homecoming week ended with the football game and the crowning of the homecoming queen, Haley Mathews. The other senior court members were Shannon Bell, Mackenzie Hollamon, Hope Huntley, and Jennifer Price.

The theme for homecoming week was "A Whole New World" from Walt Disney's *Aladdin*. "I liked this theme because it relates to every individual group that attends West," junior Cindy Moore, a court member, said. ▼

Junior Court

The four-year-old children of faculty members, including Garrett Revis, Brooke Stanley, Sarah Hyatt, Vanessa Price, and Brittany Long, line up before the homecoming halftime activities. The children helped with the ceremony.

Victory Ride

After being crowned homecoming queen, senior Haley Mathews rides around the field in a convertible. The student body selected Mathews in an election Friday morning. She was crowned by Tanya Hutchinson, the 1992 queen.

Homecoming Court

Members of the homecoming court include Danna Neely, Crissy Eplee, Laura Alexander, Deidra Day, Hope Huntley, Shannon Bell, Jennifer Price, Mackenzie Hollamon, Haley Mathews, Kelley Worley, Cindy Moore, and Jennifer Watts.

Run Through

Before the homecoming game against Hendersonville begins, the cheerleaders help the fans greet the team. The Falcons lost the game against their county rival Bearcats.

Nervous Moment

While the band plays the homecoming theme music "A Whole New World," senior Hope Huntley and her escort, Erik Chuprevich, are introduced to the crowd. The court members chose the theme for homecoming week.

Roll Over

Participating in a pep rally activity, members of the cross country and tennis teams compete in a relay race. The cheerleaders invented games to raise spirit.

Time Out

During the homecoming pep rally, junior Mark Whittemore catches his breath after the cheerleaders tricked him into eating a pie.

Cool Shades

Freshman Bryan Taubert participates in one of several spirit days by wearing his prize-winning sunglasses. He won tickets to the football game for wearing the most creative sunglasses.

Funeral March

For their entry in the school's first homecoming parade, the varsity cheerleaders mourn the death of the Bearcats. The Falcons played county rival Hendersonville for homecoming.

Students express school spirit in ways they

NEVER EXPECTED

Sunglasses, crazy ties, bizarre hats, and outrageous costumes probably surprised outsiders who happened to come on campus during the fall.

Spirit days were sponsored by the cheerleaders and Student Council to give students a way to show their pride in the school. "Spirit days were fun; they pumped up the teams so that we were ready to play," junior Joey Bryson said.

Pep rallies still remained the main way to express spirit, but the cheerleaders looked for original ways to keep everyone participating. During homecoming week, students participated in special days by dressing in a variety of ways. One day they wore their pajamas, and another day they dressed as hippies. "On school spirit day seeing my fellow Falcons dressed in red, white, and blue made me patriotic and proud of my school," senior Ian Cross said.

While some students enjoyed dressing up, others just liked to sit back and watch. "I think that spirit days are OK for the people that want to dress up, but I just like laughing and making fun of the people who do dress up," senior Josh Guffey said.

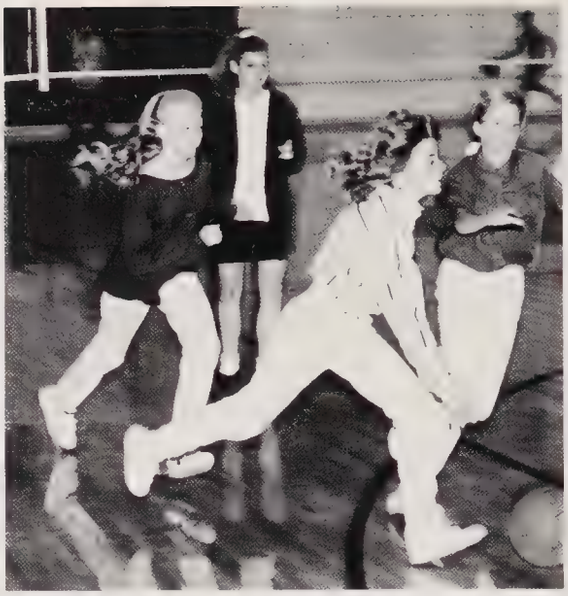
Although most students agreed that spirit days were fun, pep rallies were still their favorite way of showing spirit. "It helps get people into school spirit, and I believe it makes our school look better and more united," junior Carrie Cox said. ▼

Happy Halloween

On the Friday before Halloween, English teacher Janice Anderson uses a costume to reinforce her lesson and participate in a spirit day. "I dress as a character on Halloween to encourage interest in Edgar Allen Poe's poetry," she said.

In Motion

Participating in a physical education activity, freshman Kacey Case dribbles the basketball. All freshmen were required to take a health and P.E. course to graduate.



Talent Show

While drawing in Art I, Scott Galloway shades his project and talks to his friends. Because of the seven-period day, freshmen had to find elective courses to take.

Study Hard

In algebra class, freshman Stephanie Reed takes notes. For the freshman class, passing Algebra I was a requirement for graduation.

Freeze Frame

While in dance class, freshmen Candy Jackson, Charity Davis, and Jeff Mawler pose for a project. Dance was an elective many freshmen took.

After 20 years, the freshman class comes back to **HIGH SCHOOL**

The ninth grade class got to do something no other ninth grade class had done in more than 20 years — attend high school.

The Henderson County Public Schools realigned the schools to create middle schools with grades six through eight and high schools with grades nine through 12. The last time area freshmen attended the high schools was in 1973.

There were benefits for the freshmen.

"I love being in high school because of all the freedom," Kristen Weaver said. "I also enjoy the enrichment programs that we have to choose from."

Freshmen were given more freedom as well as more opportunities. Athletes also benefited from the change because they had one more year to adjust to the high school level.

"I like being at West this year, especially because athletes are given a chance to improve their skills by competing at a higher level," Michael Helms said.

Not everyone agreed with the change that was made. "I wish they didn't move the ninth grade up to West because we didn't get our chance to be the leaders at Rugby," Jenny Simpson said.

Other people didn't like the switch because they didn't get the privileges previous grades got. Chris Hayes said, "I don't like the change because the freshman class didn't have the chance to receive awards that were given academically and athletically." ▼

Good Form

In her keyboarding class, freshman Kelly McNair practices her typing skills. "I think keyboarding is a good experience, but I'm glad we only have to take it this year," McNair said.

Students' first cars have them reaching for the **CRUISE CONTROL**

the sound of a police siren was probably the noise students feared most, especially while they were inexperienced drivers. Driving was one of the new privileges students experienced in high school, and it was a privilege they tried hard to earn and keep.

Along with driving came a whole new set of responsibilities. Some students found owning their first car more of a responsibility than they had expected.

"It's nice to have a car, but it's also a lot of work," junior Donnie Driggers said.

Driving gave students a chance to be responsible by getting themselves to school, but tardies to school were common. Crowded roads and bumper-to-bumper traffic made it hard to get to school on time. "Some mornings are worse than others; traffic will get backed up or a wreck will happen," senior Zack Huntley said.

Many students who drove had to work to pay for their cars, while others got their cars as gifts. "My car was a birthday gift that I picked out and my parents bought me. It got hit on the second day of school in the parking lot. It took five months to fix it," junior Eric Riddle said.

Many students agreed that even though having a car was a big responsibility it was also fun.

"I didn't think I would get a first car that was that nice. It's a really fun car to go cruising in," junior Kevin Clark said. ▼

All Mine

Students say they enjoy driving more when it is their own car they are driving. "I like my car since it is my first; it's my Mustang, and it now has a big dent in it, but it still runs," said junior Chris Skaggs, getting into his car after a hard day at school.

Let's Chat

After school junior James Gash and freshman Gray Thompson stop in the parking lot to talk about their afternoon plans. Being able to drive gave students more opportunities to socialize outside of school.

Road Block

During the school day, the security guard stops to make a check as cars enter campus. His job was to keep the campus safe by being aware of who entered and left the campus.

Tune Up

Checking out their cars, juniors Chuck Allison, Donnie Driggers, and John Tate compare engines. Their conversations often included arguments about whose car was the fastest.

Hands Full

Trying to open the car doors, seniors Christina Sheline and Jennifer Shaffer juggle their books and the flowers they received for Valentine's Day. Students appreciated their cars on days when they had a lot to take home.

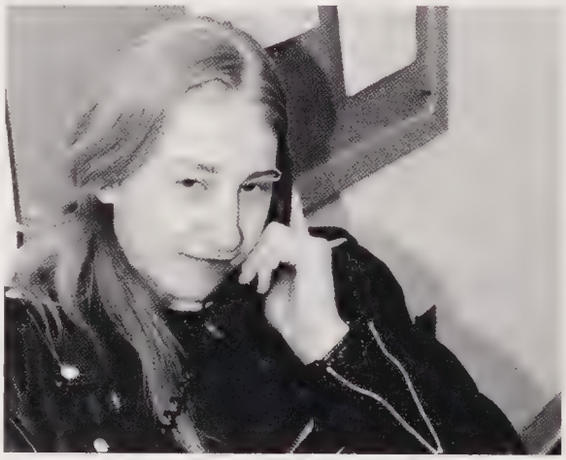
Fashion world returns to the past in the form of

RETRO DRESSING

Move over, hippies. Look out, flower children. The fashions of the '60s and '70s have made a comeback.

While some people thought it could never happen, bell-bottom pants, tie-dyed shirts, and platform shoes were back in style.

"History repeats itself, so the retro thing could be very progressive for all I know," sophomore Sonny Thomas said.



Students reacted to the retro fashion in different ways.

"I think that if a person likes to dress that way, they should. It shows that you don't care about what other people think. If you like retro dressing and do it because it's in, then it's cool. If you're doing it and you like it, then keep doing it," junior Molly Hensley said.

"Retro dressing gives you a more unique look," senior Melissa Rayfield said. "Some people make it out to be really big. But if you truly like the clothes, it expresses the way you feel, not what is in style."

Retro dressing made a bigger comeback than many students expected.

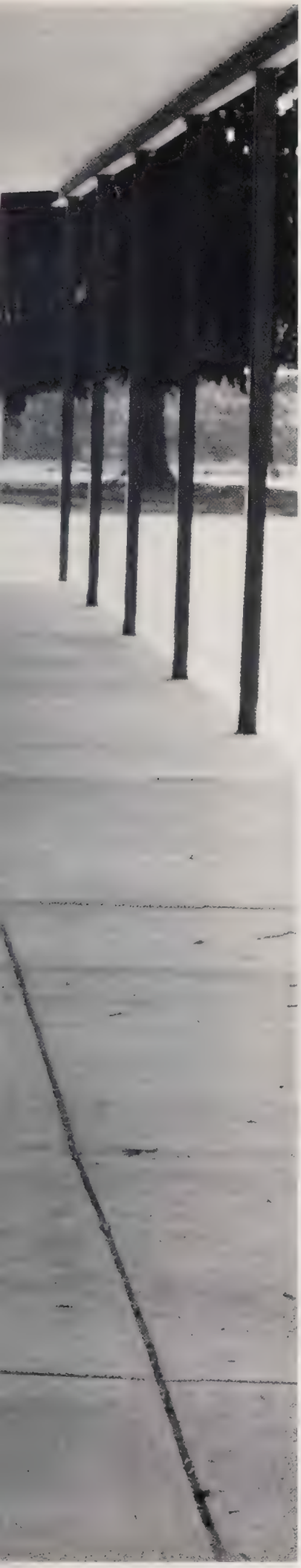
"When I saw bell bottoms in the stores and fashion magazines, I didn't expect to see many people wearing them," senior Keri Waldrop said. "I can't see myself wearing them, but you never know."

Senior Jeremy Poore said, "It doesn't matter so much if people wear retro-style clothes; it's how they wear them that counts."

One could only wonder if polyester leisure suits would be next. ▼

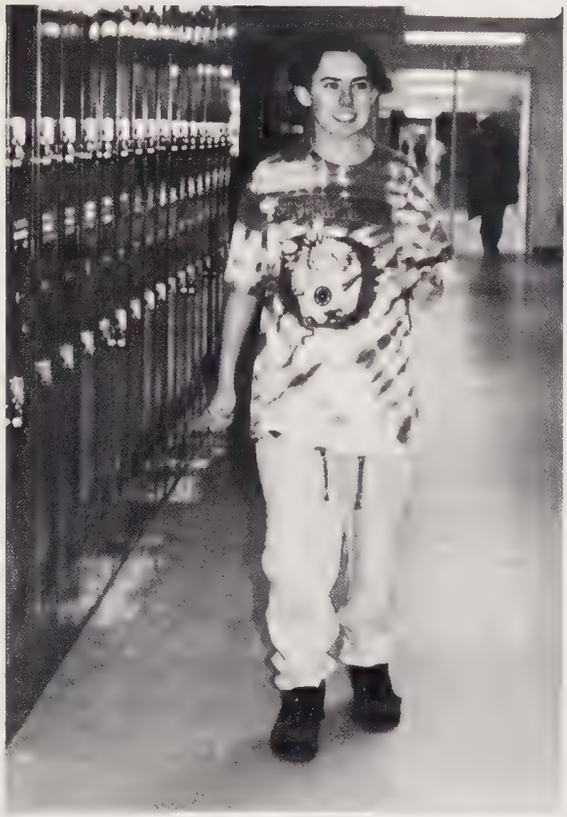
Ring, Ring

With special permission, sophomore Jeremy Branks uses the office telephone to call home. Branks was one of the students who experimented with piercing other body parts in addition to the ears.



Flash Back

On her way to class, sophomore Reagan Holbert takes the outside route. Holbert's vintage bell bottoms and shirt belonged to her mother, who wore them when they were first in fashion.



Purple Haze

Walking down the hall, sophomore Sonny Thomas shows off his Jimi Hendrix t-shirt. Many people wore tie dyed shirts and baggy jeans as an alternative to other types of clothing.

Different Styles

On the senior steps, freshman Jeremie Delaney and sophomore Mike Jacobsen show off their fashion sense. Sometimes students expressed their individuality through their clothing choices.

Waiting Tables

At Mills River Restaurant, senior Stacy Bagwell takes an order early in the evening before the restaurant gets crowded.

Milk Man

On his job at Ingles, senior Scott Brown fills the dairy case. Brown, along with many other students, had to balance his time between school and his job.

Check Out

As part of her job as a cashier at Bi-Lo, junior Joy Joubert bags a customer's groceries. Joubert said she liked working at Bi-Lo with her friends.

Students in need of spending money contribute to the **LOCAL ECONOMY**

Many students filled part of their time away from school working at a job, but their jobs provided them with more than a diversion.

They also gave students more financial freedom from their parents. As senior Melissa Rayfield said, "I got my job because I needed to pay car payments, and I wanted some extra money."

There were also other reasons for holding jobs.

"I got my job at Bi-Lo because I had some friends that worked there," junior Joy Joubert said.

Dinner Break

Chico's employee Melissa Rayfield, a senior, shares a meal with some of her friends while at work. "I enjoy my break time with my friends," she said.

The students held a wide variety of jobs from operating convenience stores to working in restaurants and supermarkets.

But in addition to the extra money for car payments and spending cash, jobs took away from many students' valuable time.

"I don't have as much time to study for school," senior Scott Brown, who held a job at Ingles, said.

Students also had to adjust their schedules around their jobs.

Joubert said, "Some Saturdays I have to be at Bi-Lo very early, and I lose sleeping time."

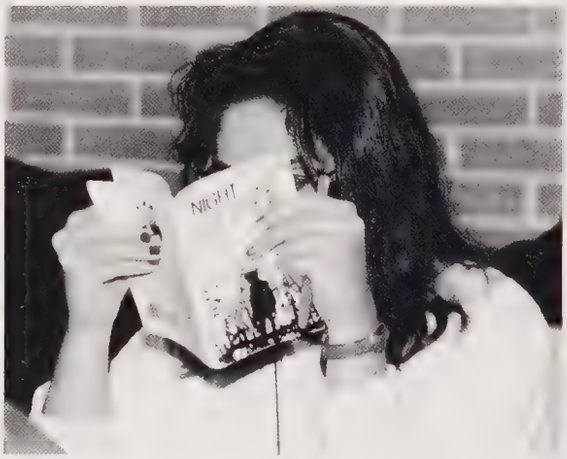
"It is sometimes tough to get all of my homework done when I am working," senior Matt Leclercq, an employee at K-Mart in the Blue Ridge Mall, said. "But it is nice to have a little extra spending money on the weekends. Also, I can use some of the money when I get to college." ▼

An extra class each day means more homework and

LESS FREE TIME

The change from a six-period day to a seven-period day affected everyone — students, teachers, and administrators.

"The seven period day was established because there was an increase in graduation requirements from the state and local levels," principal Kathy Revis said. "Students who were taking all of their required courses had little flexibility in their schedules to pick up any electives."



Taking seven classes allowed students to take more electives. New electives included Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps classes, computer applications, and principles of technology.

"I think the seven-period day is better because you can take classes that you couldn't have taken with the six-period day," sophomore Hajii Grape said.

But there were also some drawbacks to the new schedule. It meant that students would have another class to prepare for each night. Junior Brian Curtin said, "We had too much homework and the day seemed longer."

The school did not get the fundings to have certain electives which should have been offered, Revis said.

The new schedule also meant another class to teach for some teachers. One of the teachers who had to teach six classes was Spanish teacher Maria Ashbrook. "I believe the seven-period day is detrimental to students and taxing to teachers," she said. ▼

Reading Day

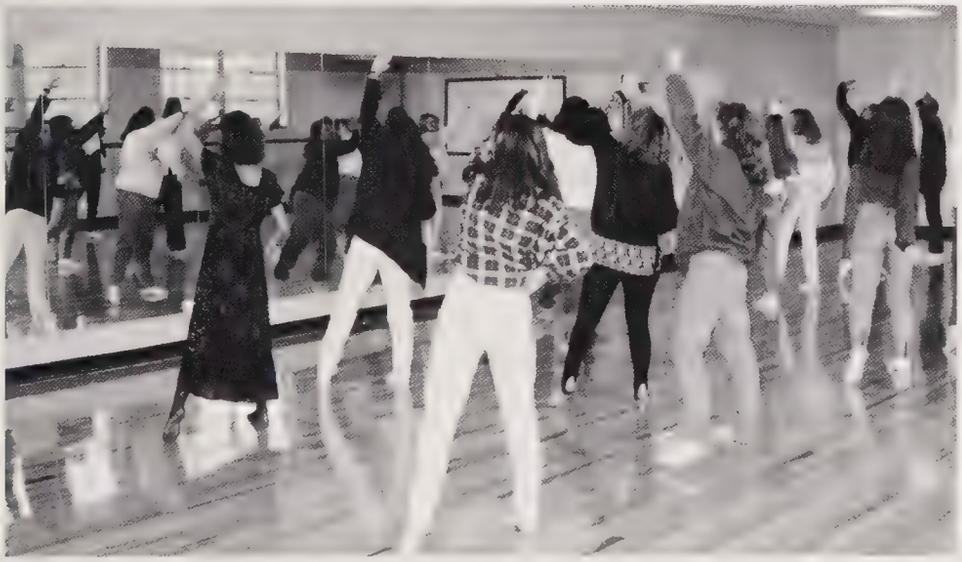
In English II, sophomore April Wells concentrates on an assigned book in a required class. "I think the seven-period day is exhausting because of the extra work," Wells said.

Roll Call

In a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps class, senior Ernie Williamson takes roll. Army JROTC was a new program that was added for the new seven-period day. Seniors in the class were allowed to take over some of the leadership positions.

Perfect Attendance

During a ceremony held to recognize students who had perfect attendance or good grades, Chris Hayes is congratulated by Nancy Hall and Ellaree Dalton. Students were given V.I.S.A. cards good for discounts at businesses in the community.



Dance Time

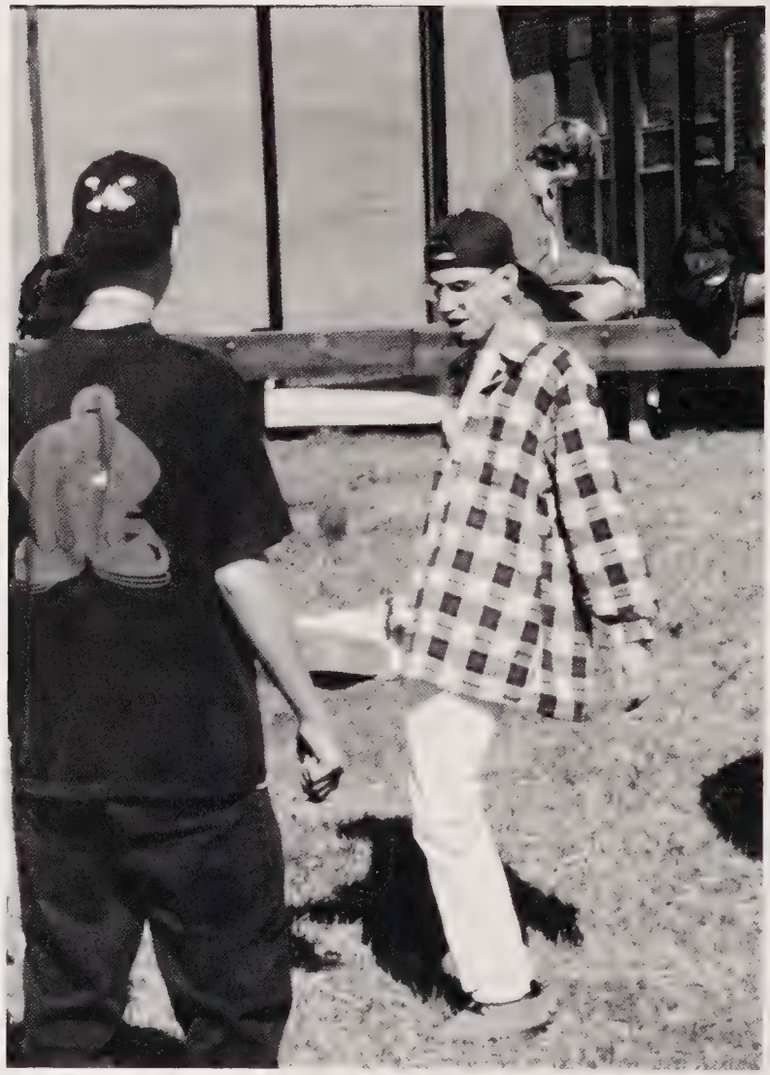
Practicing in their newly remodeled room, dance students perform a routine. Many dance classes were crowded due to the seven-period day that opened up time for more students to take fine arts electives.

Wedding Bells

In independent living, seniors Amy Ellis and Jeff Watson "tie the knot" in a mock ceremony. Teacher Barbara Wood administered the vows.

Sock It

Playing in the hall, junior Jon Tillman kicks a hacky sack. Students sometimes congregated before school and during lunch to kick the sack around with their friends.



Watch Out

Using his skill, senior Bryan Martinez lifts the hacky sack into the air. Some of the hacky sack lovers got in trouble with the administration and had to stop bringing their hacky sacks to school.

In Suspense

Watching the hacky sack as it drops, Brian Zumstein waits to kick it back into the air while junior George Love waits his turn to play.

Pastime allows students to display their

FANCY FOOTWORK

A game that a growing number of students played at lunch and after school involved a ball filled with beads called a hacky sack.

Students gathered in the halls and near the cafeteria to play the game.

Hacking was a different game to play. "It's a fun game to play, but it takes a lot of coordination," sophomore Troy Williams said.

But some people lost interest in kicking the little ball around after it caught on.

"I used to think it was cool until all of these other people started playing it," sophomore Keally Clark said.

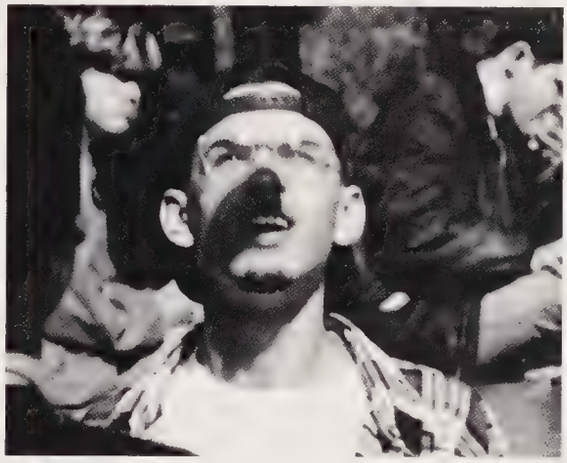
The object of the game was to keep the hacky sack in the air. There were several different maneuvers in the game.

"One serve that is my personal favorite is the kick-back," sophomore Mike Jacobsen said. "It is done by a process of rolling the bottom of your foot over the hacky sack. When the hacky sack rolls to your toes, you snap your foot forward and let her rip."

Most said they just played for fun, and they didn't really have any other reason.

But they said the game could have a violent side.

"It is fun. I like to do it in my spare time," junior George Love said. "I also like hitting people with them." ▼



Nose High

On a late winter day at lunch time, senior Bryan Martinez focuses his attention on a hacky sack he and others are playing with. Martinez said he was trying to "pull a face stall" with the hacky sack.

Plenty to do with only a few

SPARE MINUTES

Spare time was what everyone looked forward to, even though most students did not have much of it.

Friends often got together to go places, while others had favorite hobbies that occupied the time they had left over after everything else was done.

Some enjoyed outdoor activities. "I like to ride horses and go snow skiing," sophomore Deidra Day said.

"I enjoy watching football, hunting, and fishing," junior Chris Guill said.

"Going hiking has always been one of my favorite things to do," freshman Stacey Nace said.

Friends were especially important for some students in finding pastimes.

"I like going to the mall or movies with my friends," freshman Laura Williams said.

"I like to go out with friends, play basketball, and shoot pool," senior Scott Sharpe said.

Other people preferred indoor activities.

"I like to draw and read books," freshman Julie Roussell said.

"I like to write poems and spend time with my girlfriend," junior Derick Cho said.

There were other students who enjoyed activities with their church youth groups.

"I like church youth groups because they make me feel welcome. They also have fun activities that I enjoy doing with others," freshman Cindy McCarson said. ▼

Canine Friend

At his home on a Sunday afternoon in February , senior Robbie Waddle spends some time with his dog. "I enjoy taking care of my new dog, Sassie, that is three months old," he said.

News Flash

During an interview with WLOS News 13, Blake Andrews talks with sportscaster Stan Pamfilis. Andrews received the scholar-athlete award for his academic and athletic achievements.

Mirror Image

During their Poetry Fair performance, juniors Lexine Ramsey and Rebecca Ramirez act out a poem. They both were involved in drama activities during their spare time.

Florist Shop

On Valentine's Day senior Lori Goodrich picks up flowers from her boyfriend. Some students used Valentine's Day as an opportunity to send gifts to the one they liked to spend their spare time with.

Quiet Time

Sitting in the stadium, junior Greg Dahl relaxes by reading a book. Dahl enjoyed reading novels by Anne Rice and even adopted the name of one of the characters, a vampire named Armand, for his French class.

HISTORICAL

impact

Natural DISASTERS, ethnic skirmishes, and controversial trials DOMINATED the headlines in a year when the peoples of the WORLD found new reasons to be optimistic about peace. Personalities like conservative pundit Rush Limbaugh, Olympic skater Tonya Harding, and Russian populist Vladimir Zhirinovsky stirred controversy and made NEWS.

Handshake of Peace
The eyes of the world are on two old enemies, Jewish leader Yitzhak Rabin and Arab Yasser Arafat, as they take the first steps toward Middle East peace. President Bill Clinton called their historic handskake a "great occasion of history and hope."

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Sarajevo, the center of the civil war in what was once Yugoslavia, becomes "a shattered town of battered people," according to a United Nations Observer.

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Blood —and— Gore

Nation grapples with violent crime

From innocent bystanders slaughtered by automatic weapons to armed carjackings, violent crime has become an issue that has grabbed America's attention.

Gruesome crime statistics have soared — murders, shootings, and assaults have spread from inner-city streets to the public schools.

Tougher jail sentences, over-crowded prisons, and even the content of the MTV cartoon *Beavis and Butthead* have become part of a national debate over violence.

On Feb. 28, the Brady Bill became the Brady Law, adding a five-day waiting period and background checks as requirements to purchase handguns. In early February, North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt called a special session of the General Assembly to focus on violence.

By Matt Leclercq

One part of Gov. Hunt's proposed package of legislation would make the penalties tougher for juveniles convicted of violent crimes.

A new law that went into effect Dec. 1, required principals to report to law enforcement officials any incidents of injuring assaults, sexual offense, and possession of weapons or drugs on school property.

In addition to reporting to law enforcement, principals were required to make reports of violent incidents to the school board and to the State Department of Public Instruction.

Several students said they agreed with the efforts to dissuade students from committing violent acts.

"I think that N.C. needed a law like this to protect the safety of students," senior Jonathan Hinkle said. "Students should not be able to break the law and get away with it just because they are at school."

On Dec. 1, the same day that new school violence laws go into effect, a fight breaks out requiring law enforcement and emergency medical personnel.

"Students should feel safe at school and not have to be distracted by being afraid of someone hurting them," freshman Todd Eschenburg said. "If you don't want the police after you, just stay out of the fights and at least leave the drugs at home."

"Our society as a whole is more violent, and that is going to spill over into our schools," principal Kathy Revis said. "We have to take measures to address it before it gets to the point where we have to have metal detectors and guards in the hallways."

However, Revis said dealing with each incident had proved to be complicated.

"It is time consuming," she said. "I don't mind doing it, but the sherriff's office has to do its paper work and we have to do our paper work, and sometimes it can take half a day to get through one situation."

Legislators cracked down on weapons on campus by passing a law that made the possession of a firearm on school property a felony.

"The new law states that any weapon on campus is to be reported to a law enforcement agency. It doesn't say any use of, it says any weapon on campus," Dr. Kohlan Flynn, director of secondary education for the Henderson County Public Schools, said. "That means vehicles carrying hunting rifles in the window; it means a pocket knife. And the law states it doesn't matter if it's a pen knife, a dagger, or a bayonet — a knife is a knife."

"Along with this new legislation, every school must have a safety plan initiated and in place," Revis said. "In other words we must be able to respond to armed intruders on our campus. We have to have specific areas designated not only during the school day but at athletic events as a safe haven if something goes crazy."

After receiving the award for best alternative video at the MTV Music Awards in September, members of Nirvana pose with their "Moon Man" trophy. Grunge rock and the alternative movement were often associated with Generation X.

LOST SOULS

Searching for an identity in a complex world

By Keri Waldrop

Thirteen has long been considered an unlucky number. No doubt the young people who make up the 13th generation of Americans would agree.

The 13th generation, also known as Generation X because of their "supposed" lack of an identity, includes those born between the years 1964 and 1980.

Like youth of the past, they have received criticism from their elders.

In a recent *Newsweek* article, these post-babyboomers were referred to as "a generation of uppity, flesh-and-blood Bart Simpsons so poorly educated they can't find Vietnam on a map or come within 50 years of dating the Civil War. With their MTV-rotted minds and sound-bite attention spans, they are a whiny cohort with the moral compass of street gang Bloods and Crips, a bunch of apathetic slackers who don't vote and couldn't care less."

But if the babyboomers' attitudes towards the younger generation seem less than optimis-

X 40% of all Generation Xers grew up in broken families, victims of the largest divorce rate in history.

tic, the opinions of members of Generation X about their predecessors could be viewed as negative as well.

Blaming their parents for many of the problems plaguing present-day society, Generation Xers hold the babyboomers personally responsible for the deteriorating state of the environment, the rampant drug problem, the out-dated educational system, and the American culture's preoccupation with wealth and material possessions.

Perhaps, some would argue that there is some justification for the many flying accusations.

Babyboomers, the hippies and flower children of the '60s, in many cases went on to become the power-hungry yuppies of the 1980s.

Some say their fixation with money was caused, in part, by the boomer's Depression Era parents who lavished them with things that they themselves had not had.

Boomers in turn raised latchkey children who became accustomed to divorce, grew up in shopping malls, and sat for hours in front of a television, becoming desensitized to violence and exposed to constant commercial bombardment. And all the while, the national debt was rising faster than the young Xers' Atari scores.

X Each year 30% of the U.S. budget is spent on the elderly, while 2% is spent on education.

Is it any wonder they're having an identity problem?

The term Generation X was first coined by Canadian author Douglas Coupland in his novel entitled *Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture.*

In his book, Coupland described the lives of three twenty-somethings, Andy, Dag, and Claire, living in the same apartment complex. They have left their professional jobs to move to the desert in California in an attempt to find some meaning in their lives.

Common topics during their discussions include society's preocupation with material possessions and their discontent with their parent's generation.

In one scene, Dag describes a confrontation with his former boss, attacking him for his status as a Babyboomer.

"Do you really think we enjoy hearing about your brand new million dollar home when we can barely afford to eat Kraft Dinner sandwiches in our own grimy little shoe boxes and we're pushing thirty? A home you won in a genetic lottery, I might add, sheerly by dint of your having been born at the right time in history? You'd last about ten minutes if you we're my age these days, Martin. And I have to endure pinheads like you rusting above me for the rest of my life," he says.

X By the time the average child reaches the age of 16, he has viewed approximately 18,000 murders on TV.

Later, in a chapter titled "Quit Your Job," Andy ponders the point of attempting to achieve financial wealth.

"You really have to wonder why we even bother to get up in the morning. I mean really: Why work? Simply to buy more stuff ? That's just not enough. Look at us all. What's the common assumption that's gotten us from here to there? What makes us deserve the ice cream and running shoes and wool Italian suits we have? I mean, I see all of us trying so hard to acquire so much stuff, but I can't help but feel that we didn't merit it," he tells a co-worker.

And in the chapter "Purchased Experiences Don't Count," Claire questions her friends about what is really important to them in their lives.

"I want you to tell me something first: after you're dead and buried and floating around whatever place we go to, what's going to be you're best memory of earth?"she asks. "What one moment defines for you what it's like to be alive on this planet. What's your take-away?...Fake yuppie experiences that you had to spend money on, like white water rafting or elephant rides in Thailand don't count. I want to hear some small moment from your life that proves you're really alive."

X From 1980 to 1990, the income of senior citizens rose 21%, while the income of young adults dropped by 11%.

Pumping IRON

Students lift weights to improve themselves

Teen-agers are not known for their good health habits — at least that's the stereotype.

But seniors Jeremiah Lentini and Ryon Stewart were exceptions. They lifted weights regularly.

Lentini was a body builder, meaning that he conditioned himself in order to compete. During his "off season," Lentini tried to build up his muscle mass by eating high protein foods and lots of carbohydrates, taking in about 4,000 to 4,500 calories per day. During the pre-contest days, he ate no fat or salt; he based his diet on tuna fish and rice.

"Basically, I cut out everything that tastes good," Lentini said. "The week before the contest I even drink water from the store because it has no salt."

Lentini worked out four days a week, 52 weeks of the year. "I work chest and back muscles on Monday, biceps and triceps on Tuesday, calves and shoulders on Wednesday, which is my easiest day. My hardest day is Thursday when I do legs and squats," he explained.

Lentini "maxed" out bench pressing 275 pounds. "The strength just comes with the mass; it just happens," he said. "I started about three years ago working out with barbells in my room and had genes and developed quickly. I decided then to compete and met a guy at the gym last year, Hugh Rutledge, who has competed in California and Las Vegas. He told me where to start."

Lentini weighed about 140 pounds, but was trying to gain to about 160 pounds and then burn that fat off to get more defined muscles and weigh about 150 pounds.

"There are two degrees to what I do, mass or body building. Where the muscles are not as dense, just bigger and fuller, and toning which boosts cardiovascular fitness and burns fat, giving you a nipped look. I do the mass building to compete," he said.

Lentini explained that body building was healthful, "It improves muscle tone, cardiovascular fitness; it's very fun at the gym and the major part is the boost in self-confidence and self-esteem."

By Laura Grissom

Photo by Patrick Collard

Body building is a way of life for senior Jermiah Lentini, who works hard to develop his muscles so he can compete.

Stewart lifted weights to keep in shape.

"I made up my own routines as I went along, and it really worked," he said.

Stewart worked out four or five days a week. "I liked it so much that I got a job as a weight trainer at the gym to help first-timers and the people who need my help. When I was little, I was overweight. I started working out now since I don't play football anymore. It keeps me fit, I really enjoy it."

Stewart was not interested in competing.

"It's whatever makes you happy," he said. "I am not a competitive person; it's just not for me yet."

No Pain, No Gain

Body piercing and tatooing catch on

"You've got a what?" This was the response many people received when they told someone they had a tattoo or exotically pierced body part.

"When people are surprised by something like that they sometimes don't know what to think about it," Tina Willis, a junior, said.

Tattoos were put on forearms, biceps, shoulder blades, ankles, hips, and pectoral muscles, not to mention a few other spots.

"A lot of people who come in for tattoos are sure of what they want but not sure where they want to put it. Many people ask us for advice, but we try to stay away from that. We just tell them, 'remember this is for the rest of your life!'" said tattoo artist Tommy of Point Blank Tattoo in Hendersonville.

The ear and the nose are just two body parts junior Josh Saltz has chosen to pierce. Body piercing has become an addiction for some Americans.

Body parts that were exotically pierced included bellybuttons, eyebrows, noses, tongues, fingernails, nipples, and genital areas.

"I got my bellybutton pierced because I thought it would look cute but it got infected and I had to take the ring out," Sharlene Frazier, a junior, said.

"Tattoos are cool. My brother has about fifty of them. The reason they are so cool is because they are a way to express yourself," Christina Skillin, a junior, said.

By Suzanne Palmer

Talk the Talk?

The learning facility is full of diverse groups of people. There are sun people, melanin-impoverished people, cerebro-atmospheric individuals, and even frosh. Many of these students are motivationally-disposessed and as a result, end up achieving a deficiency. It's almost certain these schooled individuals have no idea they are ambulating in the halls and the words coming from their mouths are not multiculturally unexceptionable.

This new "language" has erupted in American culture. It can be harder to learn than French, German, or Spanish. "Politically-correct speech" is a vocabulary of words intended to eliminate prejudices and present a positive outlook on all situations.

Getting rid of the prejudiced slurs that have marked society may be a noble goal, but can political correctness be taken to an extreme?

For example, "spontaneous displays of community dissatisfaction with prevailing socioeconomic conditions" is the politically correct way to say *riot*.

The debate over PC rages on America's university campuses. One college student at the University of Connecticut who had "unpolitically correct" views and speech aimed at certain groups of people was ordered off the campus and forbidden from the dorms or cafeterias.

Political correctness originated on college campuses where college professors didn't want their students to feel oppressed for being who they were and expressing their beliefs.

Politically correct speech was supposed to remove prejudice from society. The problem is the faults in society go deeper than terms that have been used to put down different minority groups of people. But PC cannot solve everything, if anything.

Much politically correct speech is impossible to understand.

For instance, the first paragraph of this story can be translated: "The high school is full of diverse groups of people. There are blacks, whites, airheads, and even freshmen. Many of these students are lazy and as a result, end up failing their courses. It's almost certain though, that these students have no idea they are roaming the halls and the words coming out of their mouths are *not* politically correct."

By Kristin Sink

Impromptu Knowledge Assessor

1. have one's progress toward alternate life pursuits expedited

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2. chemically inconvenienced

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3. cerebrally challenged

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4. terminally inconvenienced

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5. atmospheric deposition of anthropogenically derived acidic substances

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Pop Quiz: (1) flunk out; (2) drunk; (3) stupid; (4) dead; and (5) acid rain (*The Official Politically Correct Dictionary and Handbook*, 1993)

Flood Waters

A late spring thaw and more than double the average rain fall set the stage for disaster in the Midwest during the summer. The casualties ranged from the thousands left homeless to investors and consumers in every corner of the United States.

Attempted Coup

Flags of present and past fly side by side against a backdrop of thick smoke from the burning parliament building in Moscow. Russia experienced political upheaval in September when legislators barricaded themselves inside in protest of reforms made by President Boris Yeltsin.

Feudal Warlords

Pictures of starving children draw a 33-country United Nations force into Somalia, but a full-scale war between feuding warlords and the graphic deaths of American soldiers threaten to drive out the humanitarian peacekeepers. The fighting worsened the famine.

The seven-period day refocused almost everyone's attention on academics. With an extra class, more students than ever before were able to take fine arts classes and other electives. School officials encouraged "academic rigor" by eliminat-

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ing all general level courses and introducing "talent pool" classes. Each Wednesday a major change in the curriculum became obvious as Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students came to school in their Army uniforms.

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Academics

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Face Lift

Members of Pat Worsham's seventh period class, including Karen Coachman and Amy Knox, paint the school seal on a wall in the commons area. New principal Kathy Revis encouraged students to do projects to beautify the campus.

Gather Around

Joining in on a mid-morning snack, senior Trina Patton helps with four children in the child care program. Students taking child care planned lessons and supervised the preschoolers.

In Step

Keeping in step, JROTC students Josh Taylor and Mike Lane practice for their drill routine. Every Wednesday ROTC students wore their uniforms to school.

Marching to a new beat

In the past, students had to wait until they graduated to don uniforms and try out military life, but Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps changed all that.

The Army JROTC military science program was added to the curriculum with Lt. Col. Thomas Petullo and Chief Master Sgt. Paul Weeks as the teachers.

JROTC activities included marching and running to improve physical fitness. The students also learned drills that would be helpful if they enlisted in the military as well as leadership skills.

"I am not only taking the class to lead me to a good military career but hopefully to get a scholarship to a good school," junior B. J. Dale said.

Ernie Williamson, a senior, said, "JROTC gives a lot of discipline skills to the people involved. These discipline skills are not necessarily just used in future military use but also in the real world."

"The new JROTC class seemed to get everybody wound up at the beginning of the year, seeing everybody involved marching and wearing uniforms," junior John Tillman said.

"At the beginning of the year the class took some getting used to, and wearing a uniform took some getting used to, but I think the uniforms added to our school spirit," junior Dustin Shelton said.

"Col. Petullo did a very good job for the first year of the program. Things went very smoothly, and there was always room for improvement, but I felt the course would be at West for a while," Dale said. ▼

"ROTC is a good way to have a trial run at the military and see if I really like it."
— B. J. Dale

Torch It

Using a blow torch, horticulture students Matt Fullam and Todd Morris put in a plant bed for the greenhouse. The students were enrolled in a welding class at Blue Ridge Community College.

Sharing the spotlight

"I love drama class. We all get along really well. We work hard and have a good time doing it."
— Andrea Davies

Enrollment in the fine arts department jumped because of the seven-period day, so more students than ever before got to experience music, dance, drama, and art.

Dance teacher Resi Dolbee said, "West Henderson High School's Dance Department has its largest enrollment ever since the program began in 1988."

Fine arts classes participated in competitions, performances, and other activities throughout the year. "The dance students participated in a lecture demonstration for open house and tied for first place in the homecoming parade. During the holidays the students also volunteered to perform at the Festival of Trees to benefit the Helping Hand Developmental Center," Dolbee said.

This year an honors program was added for fine arts students. "The new arts honors program was geared specifically for students who complete three years in an arts class and must keep a *B*-average. The students who qualify will receive an honor cord to wear at graduation," drama teacher Mary Morris said.

Students said they approved of the program. Senior Amy Ellis said, "I think this new honors program was a very good idea. It gave the arts students the recognition they deserve."

Drama students were among the fine arts students who won competitions during the year. Senior Sonya Peterson said, "Taking drama for two years has really improved my acting skills. Our Drama II class participated in a regional competition at Mars Hill and came in first place. We then went to Greensboro to participate in the state competition." ▼

Tuning Up

Playing the guitar looks natural for junior Ryan Stevens and senior Jimmy Fink. The two were preparing for a musical project in John Dickson's music theory class.

Heralding Trumpets

Band members practice for a Friday night football game. The band went on to receive two excellent ratings at competition.

Close Encounter

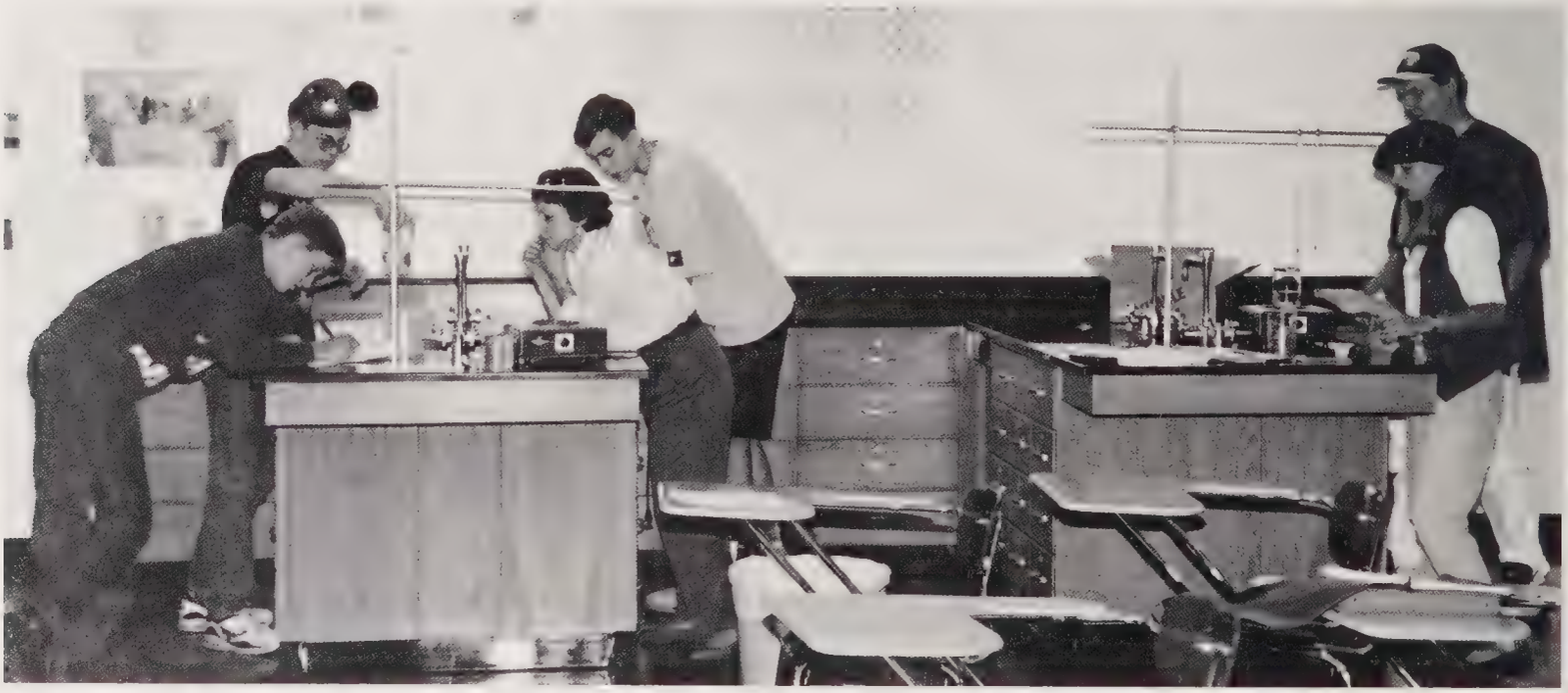
Advanced drama students Jason Dennis and David Roark portray British gentlemen in the one-act play "The Bald Soprano." The students involved with the play went to Greensboro in December to compete in the North Carolina Theatre Conference competition.

Bagging Leaves

Earth science students Jesse Wilinski, Brandi Israel, Toni Grigsby, and Ronnell Middleton work out on the nature trail as part of John Allen's class.

Data Collection

Students in the new Principles of Technology class work in a lab designed to help them apply the laws of physics. The class was taught by Larry Ashcraft and Becky Campbell.



Exploring technology

Science students looked to the future in a new Principles of Technology class added to the curriculum. It was taught by physics and computer teacher Larry Ashcraft and math teacher Becky Campbell.

"Students in Principles of Technology study seven topics: force, work, rate, resistance, energy, power, and force transformers. It is a physics course which is specifically geared to students who plan a career in a technical field," Campbell said.

Lab experiences and applications were an important part of the new course.

"The class is fun and challenging, but I'm learning a lot. The class provides hands-on experience through teacher demonstrations and student labs. Math concepts and principles come alive through extensive work with formulas," Campbell said. "The students have learned the importance of paying attention to the units given and using conversion factors when neccessary."

Many of the students in the class had positive reactions. Senior Jeff Watson said, "I feel that being the first POT class in this school makes us as much teachers as students. The whole class must work together."

Senior Michael Wilborn had a similar view. "I feel that we are a pioneer class that will help keep the much needed class in our school," he said.

"The class has seemed to be very successful," Campbell said. "The quality of class discussions and the kinds of questions asked have become more focused on the basic concepts as the class has progressed." ▼

"Principles of technology is a very interesting class that requires lots of work."

— Ashley Miles

Watch It

In chemistry class, juniors Eric Riddle and Chad Simpson carefully mix several solutions. Labs were a routine part of chemistry classes.

Adding up requirements

"I think requiring algebra is a good policy. It will help students strive harder to graduate."
— Kyle Barker

The pressure was on for the freshmen, who had to pass Algebra I to graduate with the Class of 1997 because the North Carolina Board of Education toughened graduation requirements.

How did people feel about the change?

Math teacher Steve Short did not believe it was a good idea. " I feel it's unrealistic to think everyone is capable of passing Algebra I, and when tied with motivation there are many who won't pass. This will force some students into early retirement," he said.

Freshman Scott Silvers had a similar opinion. "I don't like the idea of this new policy," he said. "I think it will prevent a lot of students from graduating."

Although some students disagreed with the new requirement, many seemed to have a positive attitude about it. Freshman Ashley Johnson said, "I think this policy is a good idea because it will help the students in college if they choose to attend."

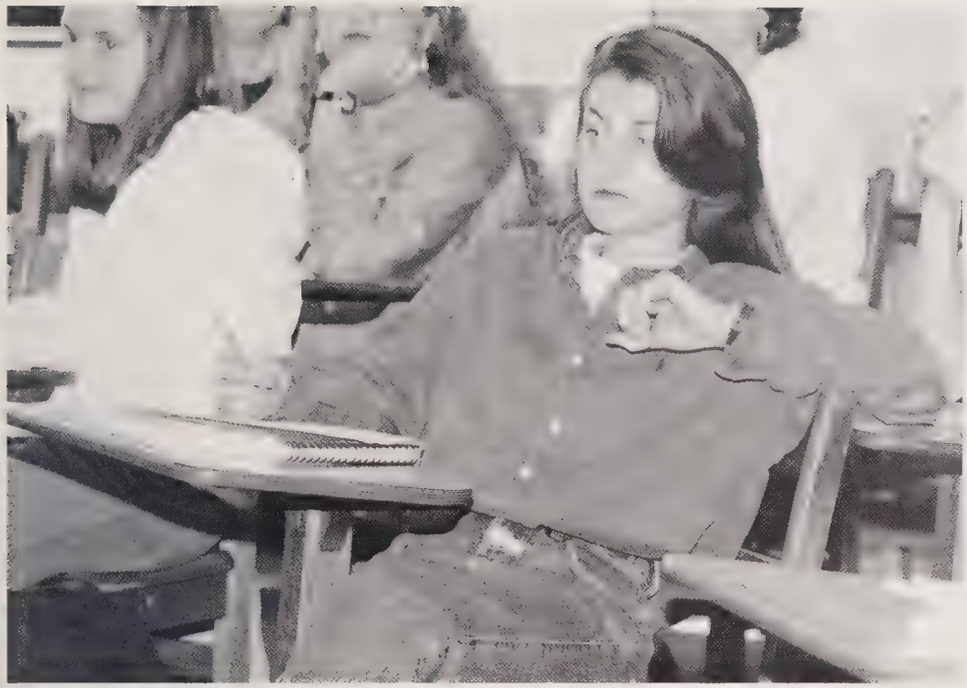
Would this be an advantage to students in the future or a disadvantage?

Short said, "If students have the ability to take or even struggle through a tough course, it's to their benefit to do so. The more tough things we overcome in life the better able we are to take on challenges. More students should be required to take upper level courses, but not students who are sure to fail."

The math department added several courses to help students pass Algebra I, including pre-algebra, Algebra IA, and Algebra IB. Students had to take a state-mandated end-of-course test to get credit for Algebra I. ▼

Correct Answer

Algebra teacher Ellaree Dalton goes over homework problems with her sixth period class. All freshmen had to pass Algebra I in order to graduate.



Pay Attention

Advanced math student Janine Jones, a senior, listens carefully as Becky Campbell goes over the day's lesson. Mrs. Campbell expected her math students to take notes in class.

Math Grades

In one of his algebra classes, math teacher Curtis Cagle goes over scores in his gradebook with freshmen Deidra Gray and Terry Shaw. Individual help was often given in algebra classes.

Royal Treatment

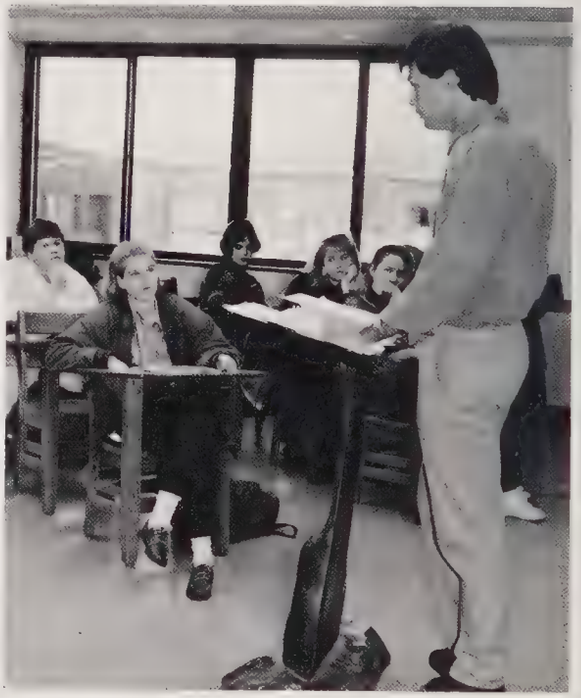
For their world history class, sophomores Mandy Thrasher and Jennifer Ernst put the finishing touches on their replica of the Taj Mahal in India. The model was part of a class project.

Study Hall

While her class goes over a test that she had missed, junior Tina Willis looks over a chapter in United States history so she will be ready to make it up. Juniors had to pass U.S. history to graduate.

Inquiring Minds

Joining the social studies department from Flat Rock Junior High School, Frank Gerard works with his students in one of his government/economics classes. Gerard encouraged his students to keep informed of current events.



From past to present

When the freshmen moved to West Henderson, the social studies department had to make several changes and add a faculty member.

State graduation requirements meant freshmen had to take a class called Legal, Economic, and Political Systems. Frank Gerard joined the social studies department from Flat Rock Junior High School to help teach the course.

"It was hard getting good grades and still keep up with everything; I guess I am just getting used to the class being taught on a high school level," freshman David Osborne said.

Another change in the social studies department was the change of world history to a required class instead of an elective.

"Most people used to take the class as an elective, but I would hate to be told to take it," junior Jeff Morris said.

"I think that world history should be a required class at West," junior John Tillman said.

The sophmores had different views about the world history requirement. Sophomore Bryan Porter said, "It is not really fair that we have to take something that people just a year ahead of us didn't, but I guess the change has got to start somewhere."

To meet the new requirement, sophomores could take either world history or world geography.

Junior Erin Shook said, "World history and all other history classes are more important than most people give them credit for. I like the history courses because you learn about the different cultures of the world, so therefore I am glad they made the changes they made." ▼

"I feel that history is very important. We need to know why we are here and where we came from."

— John Tillman

Far East

In Jan Stakias's world history class, sophomore Jessica Knapp presents information about oriental cultures. World history became a graduation requirement for the Class of 1996.

Poetry comes to life

"Through the Poetry Fair, I learned that poetry is much more than just pen and paper."

— Jeff Watson

Poetry and books moved beyond the classroom as the English department introduced students to poetry and book fairs.

The school's first Poetry Fair took place in 1993 and was started by English teacher Janice Anderson, dance teacher Resi Dolbee, and drama teacher Mary Morris.

The second annual Poetry Fair was Feb. 14.

"I had always wanted to have a Poetry Fair. I have finally been able to do this with the coordination of the dance and drama departments," Anderson, the chairperson of the English department, said.

Students said they enjoyed the Poetry Fair, and Anderson explained why.

"The fair encourages enjoyment of language, creativity, interest in poetry, and recognition of excellence. It gives recognition to students who are sometimes overlooked," she said.

Students participating and attending the fair experienced poetry in many different ways.

"Dance and drama students work mainly on performance and the English classes work on original poetry and artistic interpretation," Anderson said.

The entries for the fair included original poems and poetry collections as well as artistic illustrations and interpretations of poems.

"I thought the Poetry Fair was very interesting and I came to enjoy the different kinds of poetry a lot more," senior Amy Ellis said.

Senior Amy Carter also had similar views. "I think the Poetry Fair is a good opportunity for students to be creative and share their work with others," she said. ▼

Books Galore

Just in time for Christmas shopping, the media center and English Department sponsor a book fair so students can browse and buy. Seniors Jeremy Cox and Jessica Jones helped out.

'Attention, Please'

Calling his class to order, English teacher Cliff Searcy takes roll so that he can begin his lesson. Searcy was one of the teachers of freshman and junior English students.

Quitting Time

Freshman English teacher Shirley McGee finishes up her lesson, and students prepare to leave. McGee joined the faculty after almost 21 years at Rugby.

Up Front

In Linda Klein's French II class, senior Misty Creasman writes out an example from her homework on the board. Class participation was a regular part of French class.

Buenos Dias

Spanish I students learn their lesson from teacher Maria Ashbrook's visual presentation. Oral and visual exercises were part of learning a foreign language.

Cultural awareness

Words like "hola," "guten tag," and "bonjour" were heard more frequently in the area of of V-building nearest Z-building as more students than ever before took the Spanish, German, and French classes offered by the foreign language department.

The seven-period day and the addition of the freshman class created the need for more foreign language classes.

"There are so many foreigners in our country and I want to know what they are saying," senior Erik Chuprevich said.

"We need to be able to communicate with others and I feel it expands my knowledge," said senior Sonya Peterson.

The foreign language department included two Spanish teachers, Maria Ashbrook and Mariano Jarrin.

"Spanish is the most popular foreign language," junior Erin Shook said, "because of the growing population of Hispanics in the country."

French and German were taught by Linda Klein.

"To get into most colleges you need two foreign language classes and that is the reason a lot of people are taking the classes, " junior Jason Corn said. "That is the reason I am taking the class, but I also enjoy learning Spanish.

On the other hand, junior Christa Childers thought there were other reasons to study foreign language.

"The younger generation of today is interested in learning new thing such as foreign languages, something they haven't always been exposed to in the past," she said. ▼

"Foreign language expands our horizons and gives us a taste of another culture."
— Christa Childers

Helping Hand

As Spanish teacher Mariano Jarrin moves around his classroom checking students' progress, he answers a question for senior Courtney Edwards. Edwards was a Spanish III student.

Principles of fitness

"PE is not only fun but it is also a chance to break away from the books and release some energy."
— Tamara Stewart

Physical education classes had to grow in size and number as the freshmen moved to the high school and health classes had to be added.

Freshmen took physical education and health as part of their required courses.

"It was kind of embarrassing having to be the only class to dress out, but it is a requirement," freshman Stephanie Reed said.

The activities that took place in PE classes for freshmen included volleyball, basketball, aerobics, soccer, and softball.

"I really enjoy PE class; I think it gives everybody a chance to get out of the classroom and let off some energy," freshman Damon Blackley said.

Freshmen in physical education classes had health class twice a week to study topics such as body systems and diseases.

"I like the health part of the course because we get to state our opinions on a lot of topics," freshman Tara Harding said.

Cathy Corliss, formerly a teacher at Rugby Junior High School, joined the faculty to help teach the freshmen physical education and health classes.

Advanced-level physical education classes were offered for athletes and others that wanted to develop their physical fitness.

Tamara Stewart a junior on the varsity women's basketball team took the seventh period PE class as an elective.

"I enjoy PE a lot; I hope I can take it until I am through with school. It is not only fun, but it is a chance to break away from teachers and books and release some energy," she said. ▼

Ball Movement

In the old gym, sophomores Chris Messer and Bobby Franklin play a little one-on-one. Basketball was one of the most common activities in physical education classes.

Team Work

Physical education teacher Cathy Corliss observes her students during a volleyball game. "I enjoyed playing volleyball during PE class," Shelley Knighten said.

Personal Service

During her physical education class, freshman Kathy Fowler practices the technique for a proper volleyball serve. PE teachers helped students work on the fundmentals of different sports.

Student Council led the way in working with new principal Kathy Revis to beautify the school and develop ways for students to have input in decisions. From designing floats for the homecoming parade to raising money for projects,

instant success

each organization contributed to the school and community. In recognition of a job well done, the Falcons received an award from Gov. Jim Hunt for implementing a program to encourage students to wear their seatbelts.

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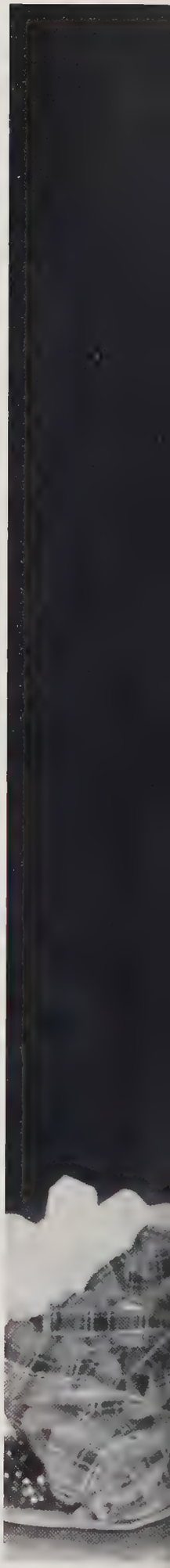
Organizations



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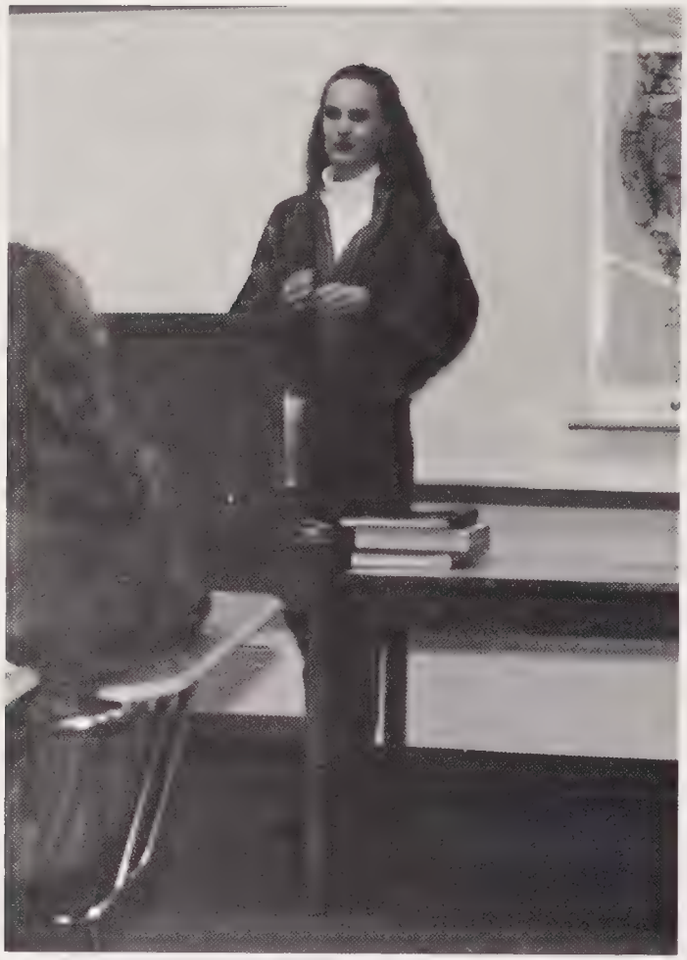
On Stage

During a performance of the one-act play "An Early Frost," seniors Melissa Rayfield and Natalie Martin interact in their roles of a young girl and her aunt. Drama II students performed the play at a regional competition.

Planning Session

At a Pep Club meeting in December, president Hannah Hobbie talks to fellow members about possible activities for future basketball games.



Go, Falcons!

Cheering during a home basketball game, senior Pep Club member Alison Planck pays careful attention to the game. Coach Rick Wood organized the club to support the basketball teams.

Success Stories

"I like taking the time to show spirit for my school and the team. I feel that good spirit is important for the school."
— Melinda Heatherly

"Being a member of Key Club gives me the satisfaction of helping other people in our community."
— Mandy Thrasher

Boosting Spirits

Students share time and enthusiasm

expressing school spirit at the school's athletic events was an important activity for Pep Club.

"Pep Club is a great way to involve everyone in showing school spirit," sophomore Laura Alexander said. "It's good that we have an organization where the students and also parents can join together in supporting our teams."

Instead of only the cheerleaders officially supporting the teams, other fans could participate.

"I enjoy Pep Club because I get to show my school spirit while having a good time," senior Kurt Jenson said.

Coach Rick Wood sponsored Pep Club during the winter.

"It is exciting supporting your school during basketball games," club president Hannah Hobbie said.

Key Club gave students opportunities to serve their community.

"The chance to make a difference in our community means a lot to me," junior Michelle Bays said. "Key Club also lets us experience leadership."

"It gives me a chance to be as helpful as I can to the school, community, elderly, and needy," president Jason Dennis said. ▼

Group Huddle

While attending a Key Club meeting, Janine Jones and Jason Dennis prepare a sign-up sheet. The club was involved in community activities.

Catching the Spirit

Members of Pep Club, including Mackenzie Hollamon, Hannah Hobbie, and Jason Dennis, cheer for the basketball teams. Pep Club sponsored several spirit events.

Standing Ovation

Pep Club members show their enthusiasm for the Falcons' play. For the home game against East Henderson, the Pep Club members sponsored a poster contest.

Speaking out

Club members prepare for the future

Future Business Leaders of America students were involved in preparing for careers in the business field and in community support. For some of their meetings, the advisers invited successful businessmen to speak to the club.

"I hoped the speakers would inspire the students," FBLA adviser Pat Sams said.

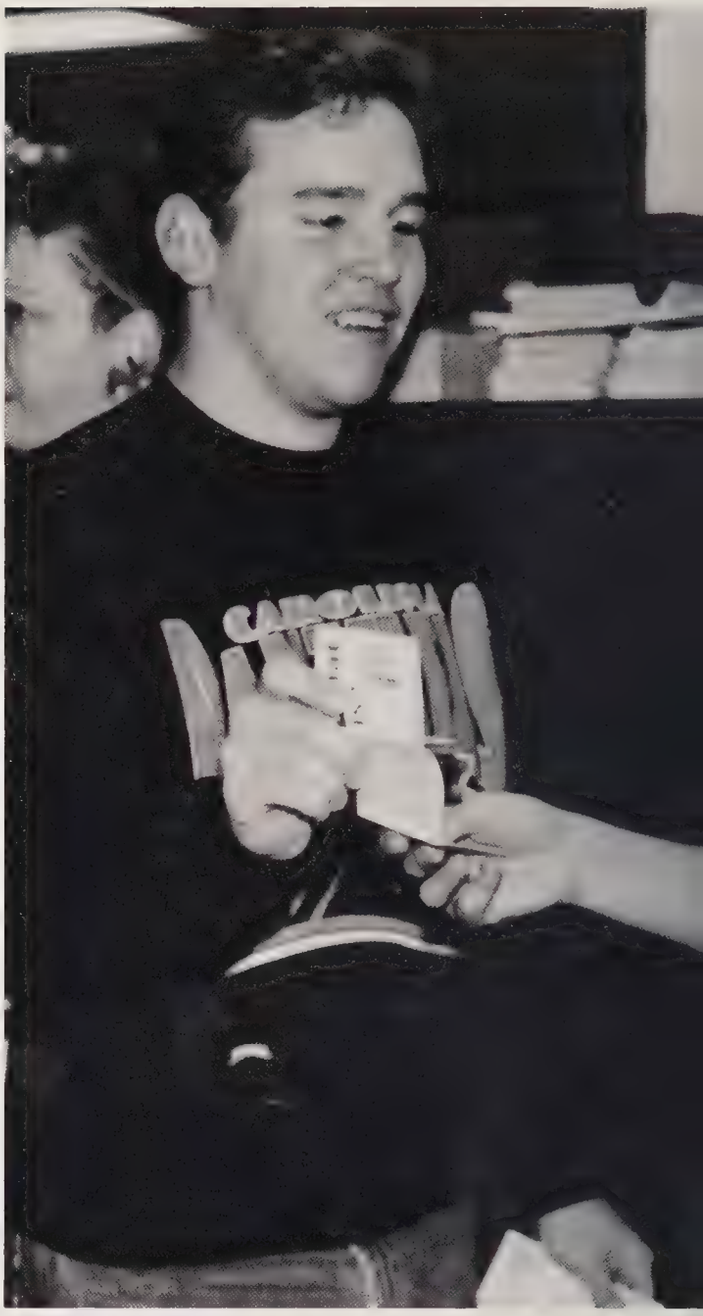
Tom Kristienson from the Toastmasters of America, who had been disabled in an accident, came to speak to FBLA.

"It was interesting to see people who have been severely injured become successful," freshman Becky Metcalf said.

"FBLA offers some skills and activities that are not offered in everyday classes," Tiffany Rose said.

In Distributive Educational Clubs of America, students learned vocational skills and developed civic consciousness. The members participated in competitive events.

"I like the thought-provoking activity involved in DECA," sophomore Chris Dunbar said. ▼

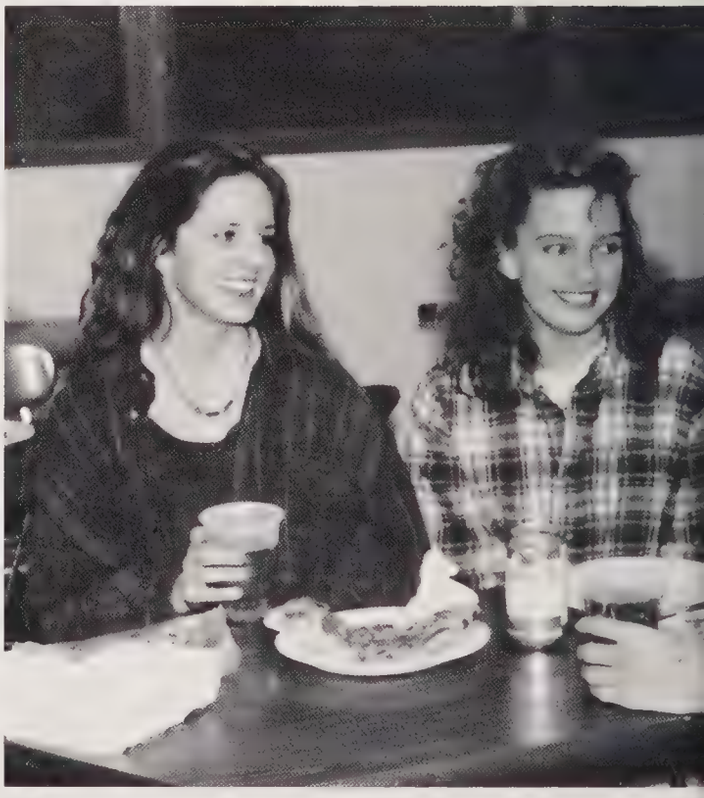


Read This

At the end of an FBLA meeting, junior Roy Brian gives sophomore Sonny Thomas his membership card. FBLA was one of the largest vocational clubs on campus.

On Top

In the homecoming parade, Amy Brock and Sonny Thomas show their spirit atop the FBLA float. Many clubs had fun creating floats for the homecoming parade.



Eat Up

During a club meeting, sophomores Summer Stansell, Miracle Purnell, and Chris Dunbar enjoy participating in DECA. Members were also involved in competitive events.

Success Stories

"I love the competitive atmosphere as well as the group interaction that you experience in FBLA."
— Brian Curtin

"You learn about how to be a business leader, and it prepares you for your future if you decide to do something involved with business."
— Jamie Sams

Helping Out

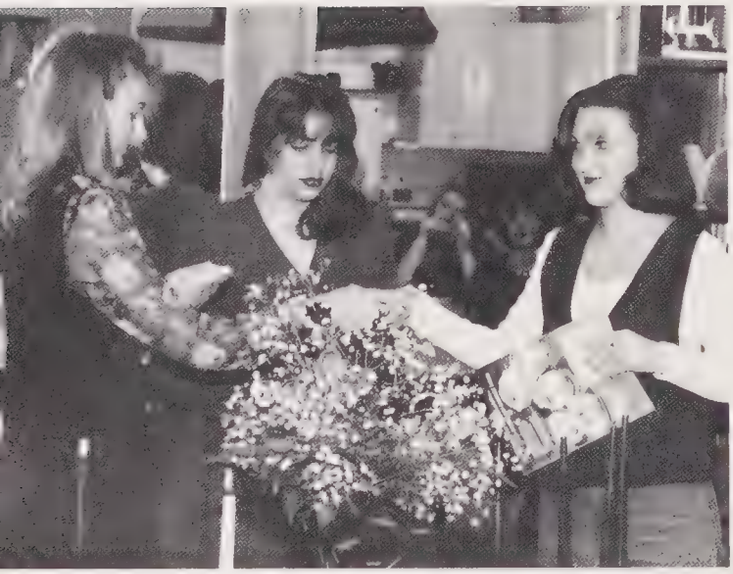
FBLA members Alison Planck and Mackenzie Hollamon hand out fund-raiser candy. FBLA members sold candy to raise money for club events.

Dig In

DECA members Chris Morgan and Laura Alexander carefully select their pizza during a DECA meeting. Meetings were held to discuss club activities and have fun.

Carting Around

Child care assistant Laura Chalfin pushes child care teacher Joan Steverson around the track as part of the HERO entry in the homecoming parade.



Join Us

During a candlelight ceremony, Jennifer Ernst and Chesney Trammel install sophomore Laura Alexander into FHA. Ernst was secretary, and Trammell president.

Success Stories

"I want to pursue a medical career and being in HOSA makes learning about medicine interesting."
—Tina Sheline

"FHA teaches me leadership skills that will help me throughout my life. I enjoy the competitions and proficiency events."
— Chesney Trammell

Young and old

Vocational clubs serve the community

Health Occupation Students of America and Home Economics-Related Occupations members reached out to help others in the community.

As they had in past years, HOSA members sponsored a Halloween party at Hendersonville Retirement Center.

"I thought the Halloween party was an awesome experience; it was neat to see the smiling faces of the elderly people," HOSA president Carol Hooker said.

HOSA sponsor Becky Varnadore initiated a new baseball card project for the group. The purpose of the project was to collect baseball cards and distribute them to kids in area hospitals.

"This is a caring organization; we enjoy doing things for people," Varnadore said.

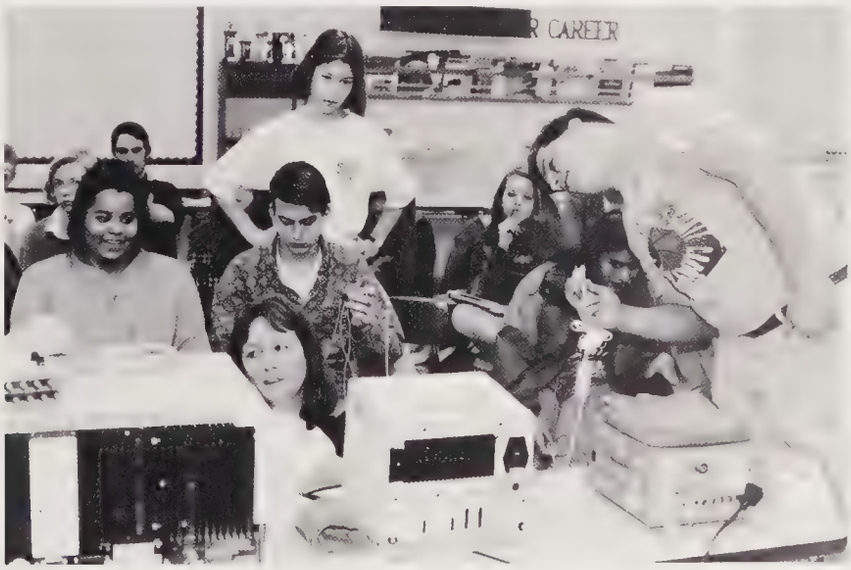
HERO also reached out to help the children in the community.

HERO was a club for the students taking child care classes. The members did a variety of projects related to child care issues such as child abuse.

One of the club's larger service projects was through Mainstay, a shelter for abused women and children. ▼

All Treats

Children from the school's child care center go trick-or-treating to different classrooms with the help of Home Economics-Related Occupations students.



Heart Beat

Biomedical engineer Karen Higgins demonstrates a heart monitor with Bryan Porter and Jeremy Stevens. HOSA students studied medical technology.

Instruments up

New teacher brings her own approach

The orchestra started off the year having to adjust to the teaching techniques of their new teacher and director, Linda Saylor.

Saylor had attended East Carolina University where she got her bachelor of science degree in German and music.

The students responded to the changes that Saylor brought. She introduced them to new teaching techniques. "We have playing tests, where we tape ourselves playing scales or exercises. We turn them in to Ms. Saylor, and she grades them. We also keep practice charts on how long we practice each week," junior Ashley Seay said.

Another difference was how the students were placed in seating arrangement. Kim Merrell said, "Students used to be placed by grade level in seating, but now we are placed on what we deserve. I like that."

"The progress our orchestra has already made is amazing, and she makes orchestra fun and interesting," Seay said.

Kipp Spanbauer agreed. "Ms. Saylor is an excellent teacher, professional violinist, and an easy person to get along with. She gives us a variety of music for our concerts," he said. ▼

Watchful Eye

While paying careful attention to her students, orchestra teacher Linda Saylor accompanies them on the piano. Saylor was a new addition to the faculty.

Tune Up

In order for her violin to sound right, junior Reagan Harkey must tune it before playing. Harkey joined the strings program in the fifth grade.

Success Stories

"Ms. Saylor is a really good teacher. She knows what she is doing and how to teach us best. She's really fair, too."
— Kim Merrrell

"I like chorus because I just like singing. I wish there were more people participating, especially guys."
— Chris Parker

Classic Concentration

To get just the right sound, senior Haley Mathews pays careful attention to her score. Mathews qualified for the all-state orchestra.

Clean up

Before junior Kim Merrell puts away her instrument, she makes sure it will be ready next time. Orchestra students had to keep their instruments in good shape in order for them to play well.

Different Beat

At the Apple Festival parade on Labor Day, junior Brian McMinn leads the percussion section down Main Street. The marching band also performed at the Hendersonville Christmas parade.

Double Standard

While the marching band performs a halftime show, senior flag corps member Jane Turpin adds a flair of color. The flag corps practiced after school.

Success Stories

"I feel that jazz is an expression of feeling through music. That is what makes jazz band enjoyable."
— Jonathan Hinkle

"I liked it better when marching band practiced during school hours. It was more convenient."
— Paul Senn

Extended day

Marching band moves to after school

The marching band had to adjust to several changes, including the addition of freshman band members.

The marching band students also had to switch their class time from the last period of the day to after school. Marching band became a semester course for one-half credit that only met after the regular school day.

The board of education made the change so that band students would be able to choose if they wanted to march during football season.

"It (the change) doesn't bother me. It's just something for me to do after school," junior Nathan Pressley said.

The marching band competed at Swain County and Smoky Mountain, receiving excellent ratings. Drum major Janine Jones received a superior rating at Smoky Mountain.

The fine arts department also offered jazz band, which included students who played instruments such as saxophones, trumpets, trombones, percussion, auxilliary percussion, keyboards, and bass guitar.

"The jazz band tries to reach an idiom of music other organzations can't get to," band director John Dickson said. ▼

Warm Up

Jazz band members Josh Taylor, Nathan Pressley, and Paul Senn prepare for a rehearsal during fourth period. Jazz band met during the school day while marching band did not.

In Formation

The clarinet section, including Cindy Morris, Bryan Dill, Christy Pruitt, Chari Cutshaw, and Angela Landers, line up for halftime.

Pucker Up

During concert band, senior Kim Hill helps the woodwind section by playing her piccolo. The band played a series of concerts.

Common cause

Groups take a stand on special issues

Members of Students Against Driving Drunk found a variety of ways to warn their fellow students about the dangers of drinking and driving. Their purpose was to make an impact on other students' decisions about the use of alcohol.

"I like the fact that we do have an important purpose in existing, and I hope we make a good impression on the student body," president Jonathan Hinkle said.

One of the group's annual projects was "Prom Promise," where students pledged not to drink on prom night.

The aim of Fellowship of Christian Athletes was to introduce students to a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"It helps us realize that we aren't the only Christians on campus. We support and encourage each other," sophomore Cristen Jenkins said.

Nature Club students worked to save the environment by recycling and by sponsoring a Youth for Environmental Sanity assembly. ▼

Street Demonstration

As SADD members Misty Creasman and Jonathan Hinkle lead the way with a symbolic coffin, the group presents its float in the homecoming parade.

Sharing Time.

FCA members Cristen Jenkins and Josh Simpson discuss their concerns at an evening meeting. The club took time to get to know each other better.

Guiding Others

Club president Carol Hooker and sponsor Greg Price speak at an FCA meeting. The organization was involved in projects in helping the community.

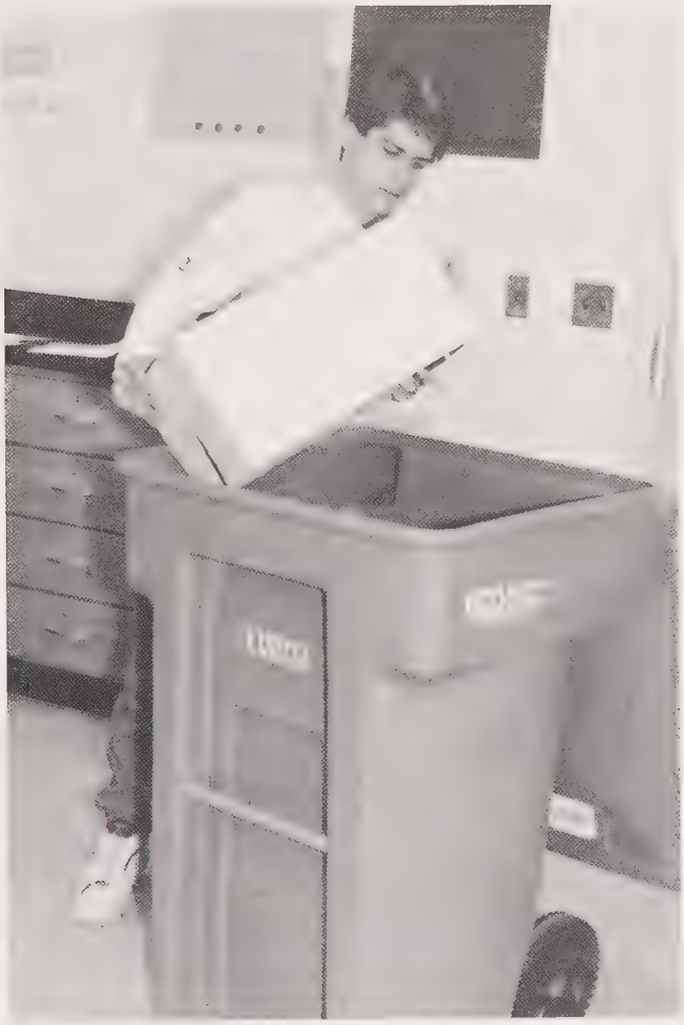
Success Stories

"I like having the opportunities to do something for the environment, and we can make a difference on campus."
— Matt Leclercq

"I enjoy the fellowship with other Christians. We are able to help each other get through our difficulties."
— Shellene Cannon

Clean Up

As part of an on-going project, Nature Club member Jesse Wilinski picks up white paper from the classroom recycling bins. Nature Club also helped beautify the campus.



Bible Time

FCA members Adam Wallen, Tiffany White, and Jeff Morris listen to a devotional presented at a December meeting. FCA members visited rest homes at Christmas.

Pacesetters

Groups represent student leadership

During third period on Dec. 7, classes were interrupted as National Honor Society members "tapped" certain students to indicate they were about to become part of NHS.

A formal ceremony followed while parents watched their 28 sons and daughters being officially inducted. "The ceremony took a lot of planning and hard work but turned out to be very successful," senior Kathy Barba said.

NHS vice president Natalie Martin had similar views. "We had a few rough spots, but overall we were glad to see a large number of people inducted, and that's encouraging for the standard set for the school," she said.

NHS started out the year with two new sponsors, Barbara Lemmons and Linda Paulus.

Student Council worked with new principal Kathy Revis to help improve school spirit and provide student input for decisions.

Eight Quiz Bowl Team members represented the school at the county Quiz Bowl in January. ▼

Right Combination

After receiving their locks, Mike Krzywicki and Bobby Creasman make sure they actually work. Getting lockers was a relief for students who had more textbooks.

'Trivial Pursuit'

While combining suggestions, Karen Coachman, Keri Waldrop, Emily Shelton, and Jennifer Stolen try to come up with the correct answer at the county Quiz Bowl.

Hard Work

In the induction ceremony for NHS, senior Jenny Swofford lights her candle and tells about one of the group's goals. Each candle stood for an NHS ideal.

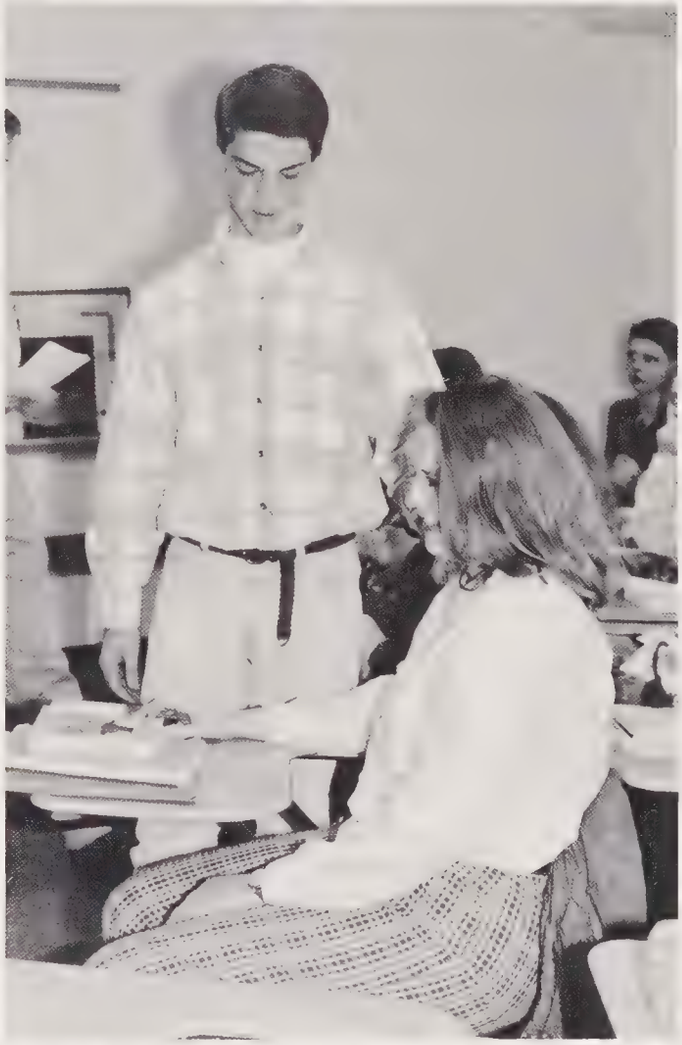
Success Stories

"For quiz bowl, you take a test of trivia questions and you need to have a great store of absolutely useless knowledge."
— Emily Shelton

"One problem with seniors is impatience. We're all concerned about graduation, so nobody's enjoying their last year of high school."
— Molly Zink

Join Us

As a formal part of the NHS induction, senior Kurt Jensen "taps" junior Emily Fields to indicate she has qualified for membership. Parents were told before the ceremony so they could attend.



Punch Anyone?

After the NHS induction ceremony, seniors Erin Smith and Carol Hooker serve punch at a reception for the new members and their parents. Twenty-eight students were inducted into NHS.

Performing Arts

Drama, Dance Clubs steal the show

Two and a half months of memorizing lines, practicing, and finally performing paid off for Drama II and III students. Sixteen students participated in the North Carolina Theater One-Act Competition in November.

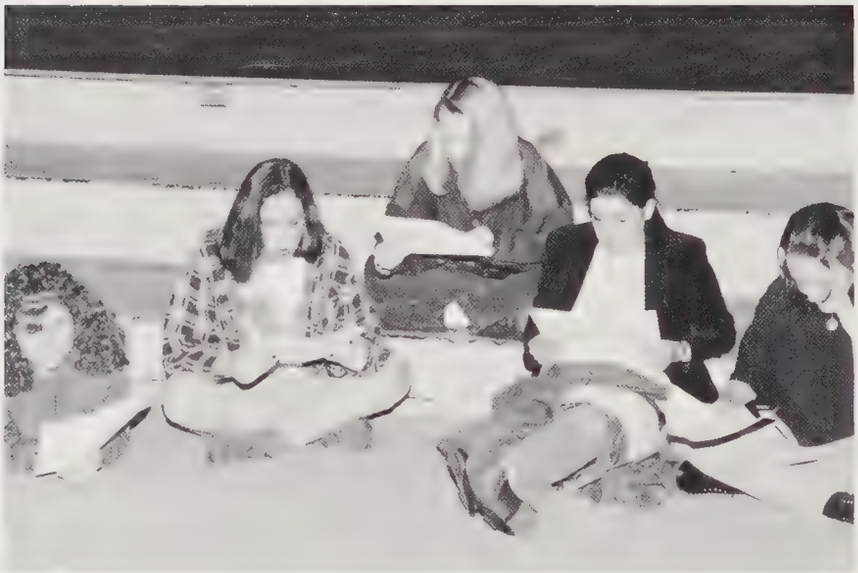
The students competed with two one-act plays. "The Bald Soprano" won a top award for distinguished play and awards for best set and design and best directing. "An Early Frost" also won a best directing award.

The performers were both shocked and excited about how well the two plays did. "It was an unbelievable feeling when we won at regionals. We all piled on each other like in a sporting event. It was just so exciting to win," senior Jason Dennis said. Dennis was in "The Bald Soprano."

For their spring musical, the drama and dance departments and their clubs teamed up with the music department to present "Fiddler on the Roof." The lead roles in the play were filled by Chris Parker and Molly Zink. ▼

Pucker up

While performing "The Bald Soprano" seniors Jason Dennis and Sonya Peterson greet each other with a friendly kiss. The two acted as husband and wife in the play.

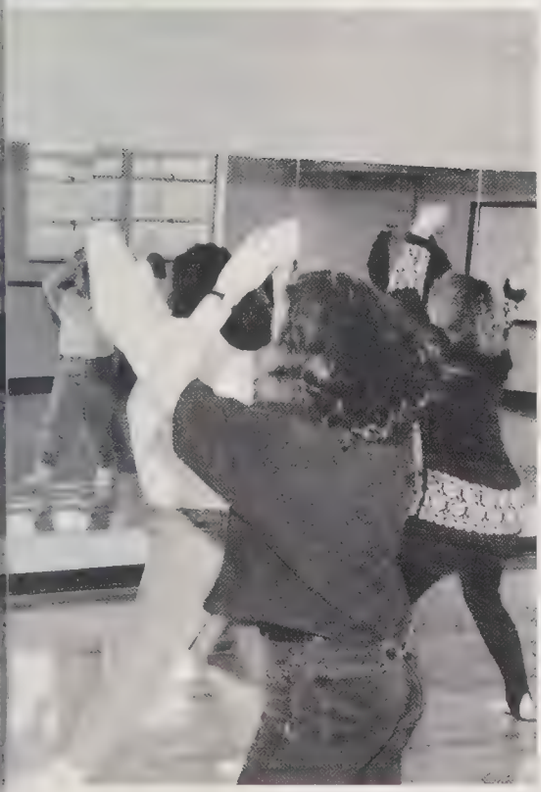


Gathered Around

For a short play, drama students rehearse their scripts. Drama class did many short skits to improve acting skills and prepare for competition.

Swing Time

During dance class, students practice by using the new mirrors to check their mistakes. The new dance room was an improvement over having class on the stage.



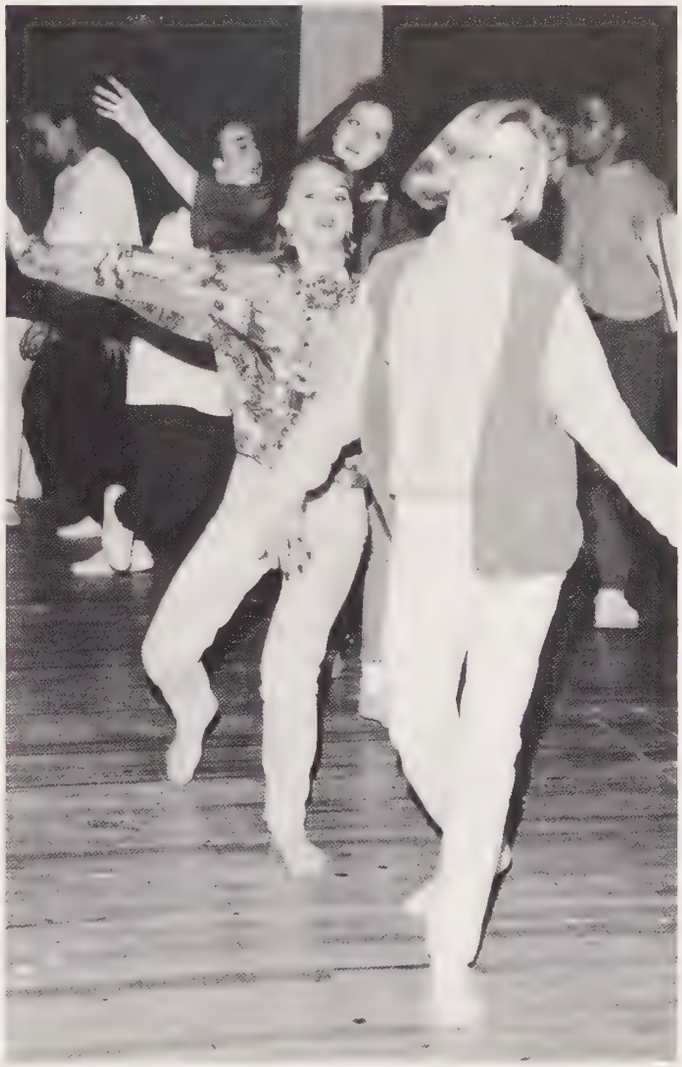
Success Stories

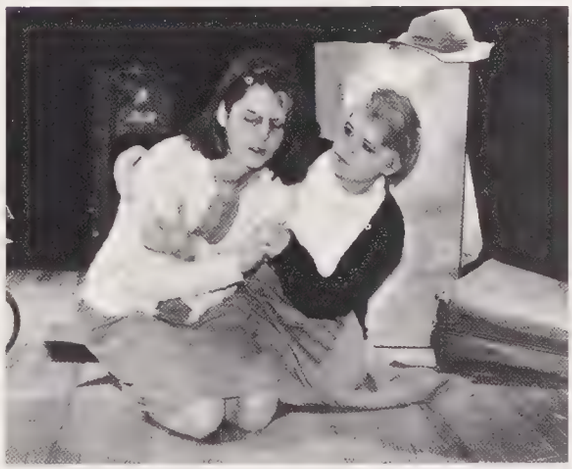
"The competition was a lot of fun and a lot of work. I look forward to going next year."
—Lexine Ramsey

"I think the new dance room improves our dancing because we can see our mistakes in the mirrors ."
—Shawnda Davis

In Step

Practicing on stage, dance students Cristen Jenkins, Sheline Cannon, and Tanya Brackett learn new dance techniques. Dance students learned different dance styles.





Sentimental Moment

In the one-act play "An Early Frost," seniors Molly Zink and Natalie Martin perform an intense scene near the end of the play. Zink and Martin were both advanced drama students.

Capital scene

Journalism staffs attend NSPA meeting

The vans rolled out of the parking lot on Nov. 17 with nine *Wingspan* and *Westwind* staff members and adviser Brenda Gorsuch; they were on their way to Washington, D.C., for the National Scholastic Press Association convention.

The NSPA convention was designed for journalism students to take classes and improve their publication skills. The students enjoyed two keynote speakers, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Judy Woodruff, CNN's prime anchor and senior correspondent.

"I thought Jesse Jackson gave a very good speech that high school journalism students could relate to. It was also well-delivered," junior Brian Kimball, *Wingspan* junior assistant editor, said.

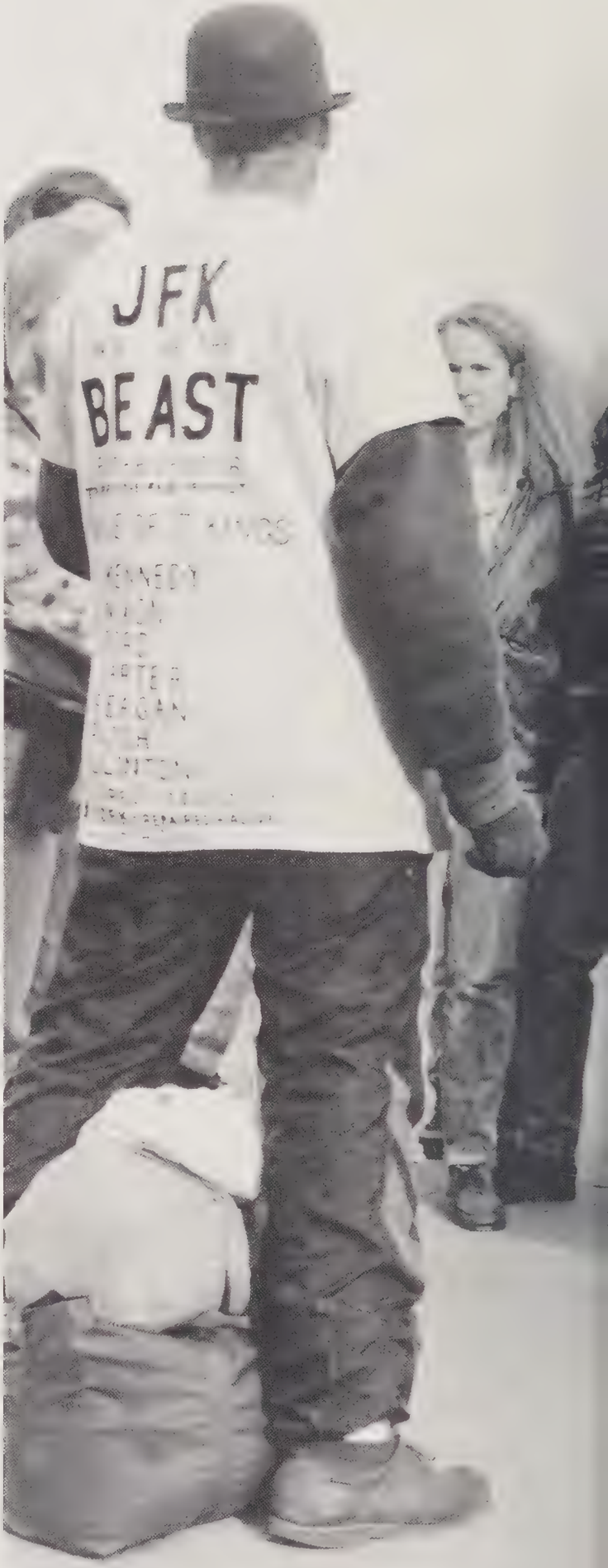
Wingspan co-editor Matt Leclercq felt the same, saying, "He is an excellent speaker and he gets the audience involved."

The five-day trip included a tour of the nation's capital, including the Vietnam, Lincoln, and Jefferson memorials; the Holocaust Museum; and the National Cathedral.

Junior Shawntay Justus, *Wingspan* news co-editor, said, "I was very moved by the reality of the Holocaust Museum."

Joint Effort

Working on a yearbook deadline, senior Karen Denton helps junior Krista Mateaki identify the people in an organizations picture for her section.



Washington Resident

While visiting the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital, journalism students listen to a protester's point of view on political issues.

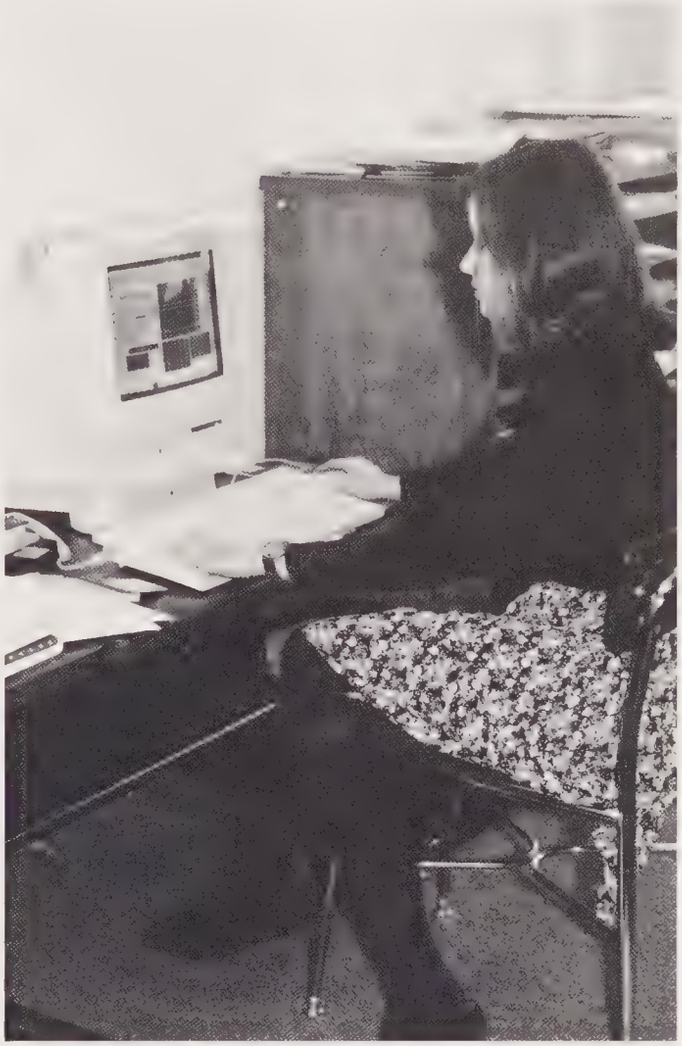
Success Stories

"The NSPA classes were beneficial. I learned information that will help me if I decide to go into a journalism career."
— Shawntay Justus

"I felt our yearbook looked a lot more original than did others at the NSPA national convention."
— Sam Searcy

Desktop Publishing

To complete a sports spread for a yearbook deadline, editor Keri Waldrop uses the Macintosh to place copy. The yearbook was produced on computers in the journalism lab.



On Tour

Wingspan and Westwind staff members leave the Capitol to continue their tour during a five-day trip to the NSPA convention in Washington, D.C. The students got to observe a Senate debate.

Helping hands

Clubs work on campus improvements

With the school's interior renovation work finally complete, Future Farmers of America members began a two- to three-year project to beautify the campus.

"The project was part of the curriculum in horticulture classes," first-year agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor Joe Taylor said.

The project included the office entrance and other areas around the school that needed beautification. "Being part of FFA not only is a part of the curriculum here at school, but it also helps me because I'm a part-time farmer," senior Gilbert Davis said.

Another member, senior Lori Goodrich, said, "In FFA I'm more involved with school activities."

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America members also helped with projects around school and in the community.

As part of their work, they built a new ticket booth in front of the stadium.

"I like being in VICA, and I've learned a lot," senior Ernie Williamson said.

"VICA is an essential component of leadership training," club sponsor Richard Colgan, carpentry teacher, said. ▼

Apple Pitchers

On the float they designed for the homecoming parade, FFA members enjoy throwing "agricultural products" into the stands. Both VICA and FFA had entries in the school's first parade.

Concentration Point

Paying attention to each detail, Misty Atkins does an assignment for her drafting class. Drafting class students were eligible to join VICA.

Hard Work

VICA members, led by masonry teacher Dennis Griffin, construct a sign for Mills River Elementary School. Club members worked on several community projects.

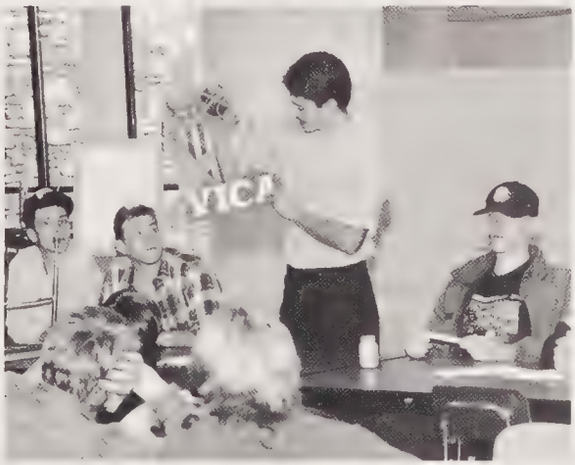
Success Stories

"I feel that being in FFA has given me a head start toward my chosen career of landscaping."
— Shalon Glover

"VICA provides experience in working at labor and management for preparation for the work force."
— James Lanning

Final Touch

To complete a masonry project, senior Matt McCall smooths out the concrete. Constructing the new sign for Mills River Elementary School was just one VICA project.



Call to Order

During an October VICA meeting, senior Ricky Kilby explains the organization's national seal. The vocational club met during the school day to plan service projects and prepare for competitions.

For the first time in 20 years, freshmen arrived on the hill in August to begin classes with the rest of the student body. The arrival of the freshmen and sophomores and redistricting had an immediate impact. Half the student population

instant winners

were newcomers who had to learn the campus and find a place for themselves. The juniors and seniors welcomed these new students to West Henderson and instructed them in the winning ways of Falcon Pride.

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Show Time

Ready for the halftime performance, drum major Janine Jones, a senior, looks over the Flying Falcon Marching Band. Jones received a superior rating in her first year as drum major.

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Brian Cannon

Seniors adjust to underclassmen and Make Room

A new principal, a seven-period day, and numerous rule changes faced seniors when they returned to school to begin their final year, but one of the biggest differences they faced was a whole new group of classmates — the freshmen.

For the first time in more than 20 years, ninth graders roamed the halls, and the seniors had to adjust. In fact, the halls and the cafeteria were more crowded than ever before, and the adjustment sometimes seemed painful.

"I think we as seniors lost some of our privileges because the freshmen moved up. Some of them were immature; therefore, we had to do things differently because they couldn't handle various things dealing with high school," Hannah Robinson said.

On the other hand, some seniors thought freshmen were ready for the high school experience. "Some of the freshmen were responsible and reasonable," Josh Wells said.

Jennifer Kindley agreed: "As long as they can act their age and handle things maturely, then they are ready for high school." ▼

"The halls have been overcrowded because of the freshmen, and they goof-off sometimes in the halls."

Wesley Plount

Victory Roll

In the homecoming parade, senior Natalie Martin, Wingspan co-editor, freshman Cindy McCarson, and sophomore Meredith Moore lead the newspaper staff's entry. The publications staffs had to make room for incoming freshmen as well as sophomores.

Classes are shorter but day seems longer with

7-Period Day

Going from a six-period day to a seven-period day meant many seniors had to take classes they had not planned to take just to fill up their schedules.

The seven-period day was a big change for the seniors. Some liked the change, but others did not. Scott Sharpe said, "I like it because it gives me a chance to increase my intellectual knowledge and take more courses. It doesn't really matter because the days are the same length."

Zack Huntley's views were different. "I don't like it because I don't need the extra courses to graduate," he said.

Shelley Barker agreed with Huntley. "I think the seven-period day is too much," she said. "Having to keep up with six classes is hard enough, but seven is really too much."

The seven-period days proved to be extremely stressful at times. "It's very stressful to me because having seven periods means having seven books to carry around and more homework," Barker said.

Senior Josh Guffey found something else to dislike about the seven-period day. "The day seems longer and I want to get out of school as soon as I can," he said.

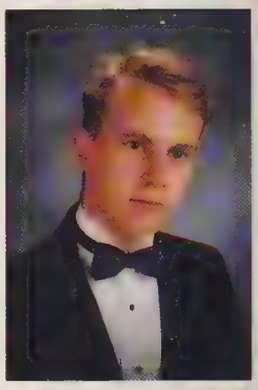
The seven-period day was just one of several major changes that seniors had to adjust to for their final year of high school. ▼

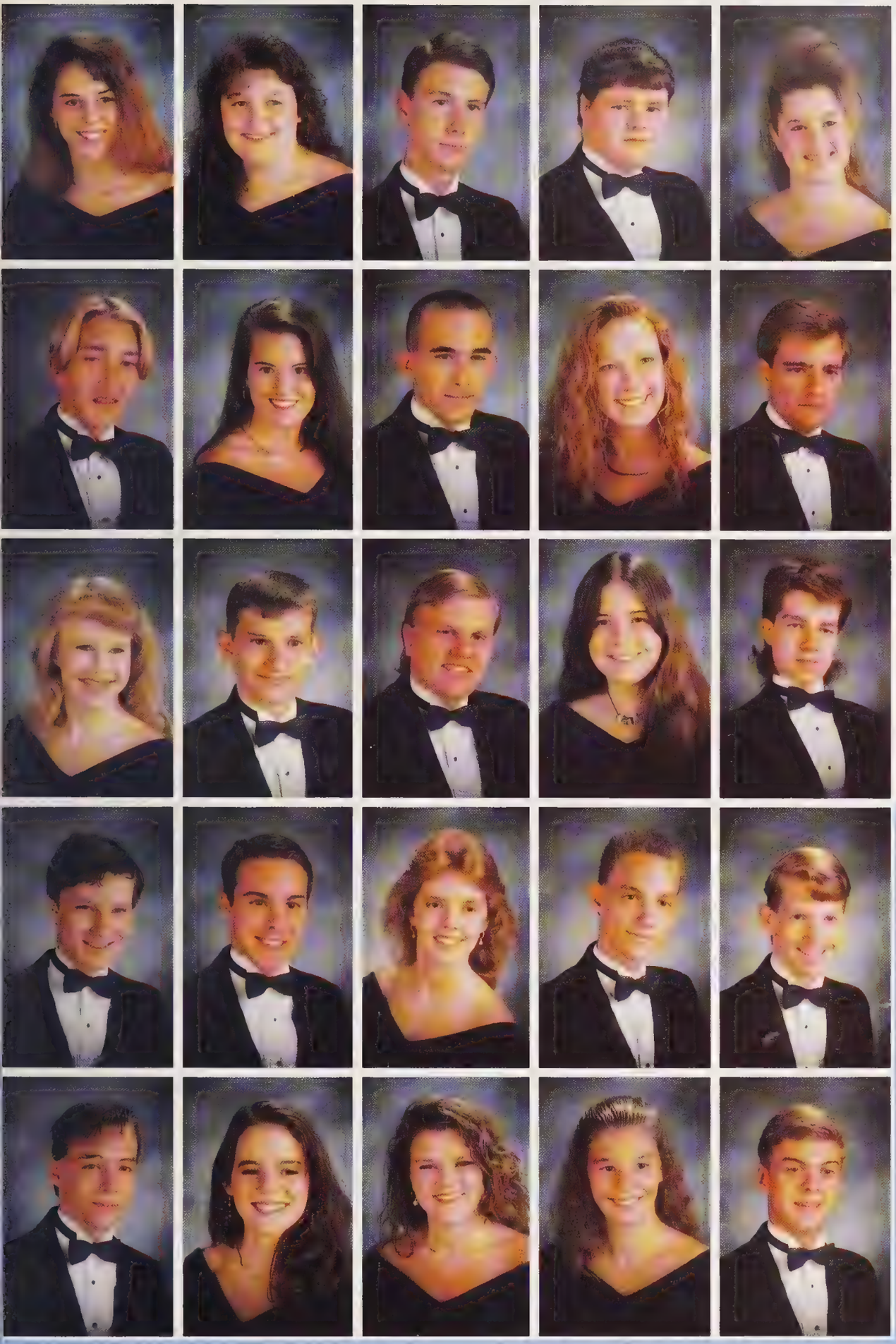
"All the seniors had to take classes they didn't want or need to take because they had an extra hour."

Sonya Peterson

Careful Concentration

While paying close attention to the music, senior Samantha Enders works on a new song in concert band class. The seven-period day enabled her to take more classes.





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Karen Denton
Kevin Driggers
Matthew Drown

Donald Dubrock
Russell Eddings
Courtney Edwards
Amy Ellis
Samantha Enders
Rudi Fann

Jennifer Fedak
Jimmy Fink
Rich Finster
Melissa Foyles
Scott Frazier
Krissy Friedrich

Jeff Galloway
Ronald Galloway
Eddie Gant
Amy Gardner
Keith Garren
Marque Gash

Earl Gillespie
Susie Goode
Robbie Goode
Lori Goodrich
Rene Grabiel
Laura Grissom

Paul Gudger
Josh Guffey
Candace Hardin
Jason Harris
Joel Hart
Jerry Hill

Kimberley Hill
Jonathan Hinkle
Hannah Hobbie
Mackenzie Hollamon
Carol Hooker
Hope Huntley

Head coverings come off with addition of

New Rules

The seniors had to adjust to their third new principal in three years, and having a new principal meant having new rules to follow.

Rule changes included not being able to wear hats or "head coverings" in the buildings and not being allowed to bring "bottled drinks" for lunch. The seniors reacted differently to the new rules. Kathy Campbell believed that "the students should be able to bring bottled drinks to school to have with their lunches."

On the other hand some students, such as Heather Arwe, agreed with the "no head coverings inside the building" rule.

She said, "It's a matter of respect. The girls and boys combined should have to follow this rule."

Other seniors, including Jeremy Poore, questioned why the new rules were implemented by the administration.

"I think the new rules were implemented because the administration thought that the school would move more smoothly," he said. ▼

"I have to agree with the no head coverings rule because I feel it makes a better atmosphere and attitudes at school seem better."

Carol Hooker

Hat Check

After removing their hats prior to entering the hall, seniors Sonya Peterson and Melissa Rayfield follow one of the new rules. Under the new school rules implemented by the new administrative team, no one could wear a headcovering in the buildings.

Senior football players teach underclassmen

Falcon Pride

Three seniors survived years of wind sprints, conditioning drills, and weightlifting to make it through to their senior year of Falcon football.

Those three, Scott Frazier, Jeremy McMinn, and Josh Wells, had been playing ball together since the eighth grade at Rugby.

"I feel more pride now that I'm a senior because I stuck with it even when everyone else didn't," McMinn said. "I think it raises expectations of our performance because people notice us more."

Wells, who said he truly enjoys the game of football, said,"I think that those who have quit the team have made a bad decision because they don't get the fun of playing the game."

"The unity of the team is greater now than in years past," Frazier said, "and the intensity is higher."

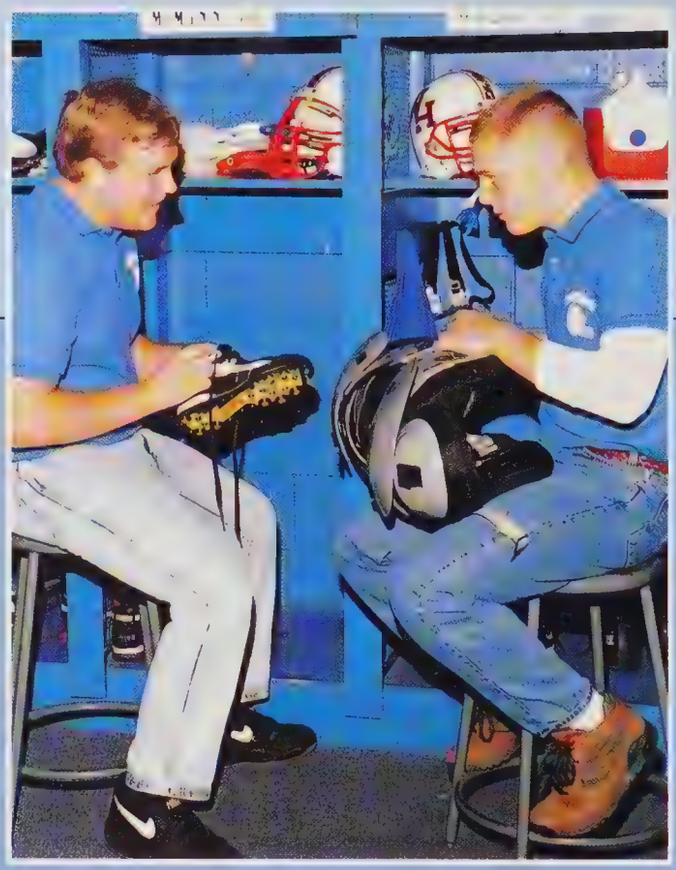
Even though the seniors had to provide leadership, they wanted to be treated the same. "Other players treat us (seniors) the same. I expect everyone to push me as hard as I push them," McMinn said.

Wells thought the underclassmen would do well in the future. "Now we don't have many seniors to provide leadership and later it will be good because there will be a lot of experienced seniors playing," he said.

The other seniors on the football team included Chris LeRoy, a kicker who came over from the soccer team, and Tim Burleson, who transferred from A. C. Reynolds High School. ▼

"I feel more pride now that I'm a senior because I stuck with it even when everyone else didn't."

Jeremy McMinn



Pep Talk

On a Friday afternoon before the game, senior football players Jeremy McMinn and Josh Wells get ready in the locker room. McMinn and Wells were two of only three seniors who returned to the team.

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Jessica Jones

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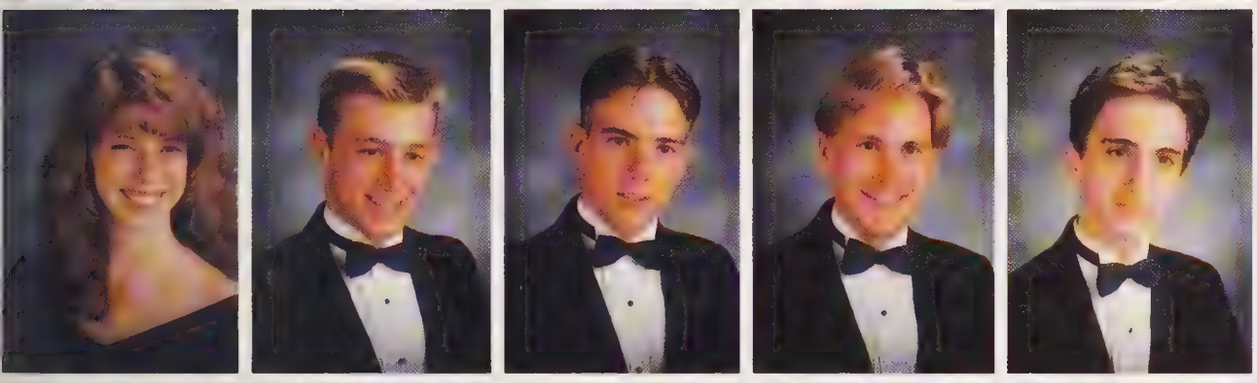

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Brett Maltby

Natalie Martin
Bryan Martinez
Haley Mathews
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Jennifer McAlhaney
Chad McDonald

Doris McGuinn
Christy McMinn
Jeremy McMinn
Joshua Merrell
Neal Messer
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Anthony Mintz
Trina Moffitt
Micheal Molton
Cynthia Moore
Teresa Moore
Matthew Morris

Chris Nemec
Teresa Newman
Robert Orris
Zachary Owen
Amanda Pace
Suzanne Palmer

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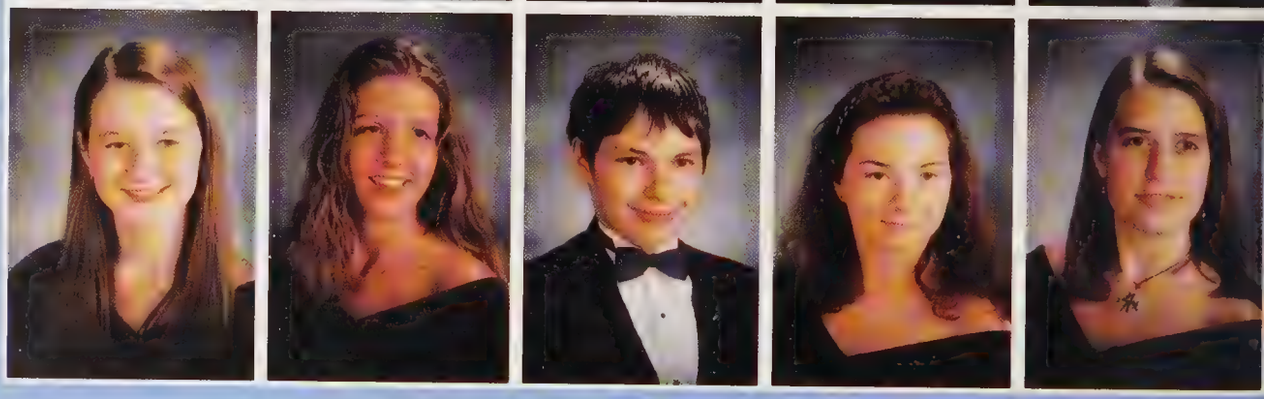


Hard work pays off and seniors receive special

Treatment

A few little perks went along with being a senior — special privileges that seniors had just because they were seniors.

Being able to leave school three minutes early was one example of special treatment the seniors received. "I like the privilege of leaving early," Melody Williams said, "because it gives the underclassmen something to look forward to for when they are seniors."

The senior class officers worked with the school administration to create more senior privileges. One privilege they asked for was additional time for lunch.

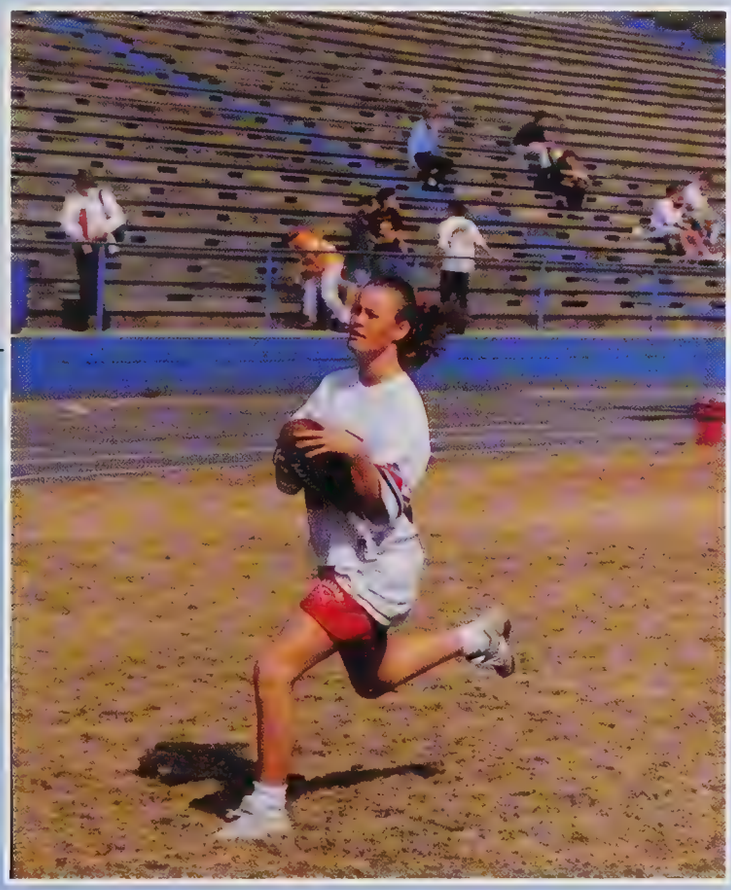
"The senior officers worked with Mrs. Revis to get the most privileges possible," senior class president Molly Zink said. "It was harder for her to give us some privileges this year because we were so pressed for time with the new seven-period day."

Many seniors said they liked receiving the special treatment.

"I appreciated the faculty's willingness to let seniors have the privileges that we had. It was our last year, and I could tell that they tried to make it the very best," Williams said. ▼

"I feel that senior privileges are rewards for accomplishing our educational goals because we have worked hard."

Carmela Blankenship



Privileged Pass

One of the senior class's unwritten rights is winning the annual powderpuff game, and Stephanie Summey helps make it happen. The senior girls defeated the junior girls 98-12.

Seniors feel the heat over college

Deadlines

As seniors faced their last year of high school, they also faced a new challenge — choosing a college, getting accepted, and finding tuition money.

Finding the time to gather information and complete applications was among the biggest worries of some seniors.

"If you don't get your applications in, that might mean that you don't get into the college you want," Josh Guffey said. He planned to apply to Brevard College, Western Carolina University, and Coastal Carolina.

Many of the seniors agreed that filling out applications was very time-consuming and stressful.

"Some ask personal questions and others want long essays. Most all of the colleges have applications that take a long time to fill out," Brett Maltby said.

"Usually, college application fees are $25 and up," Scott Sharpe said, complaining about all the expenses involved in applying to several colleges or universities.

Some students felt that application fees were not fair.

Senior Shelley Barker said, "Colleges should be wanting to get us. We shouldn't have to pay to apply."

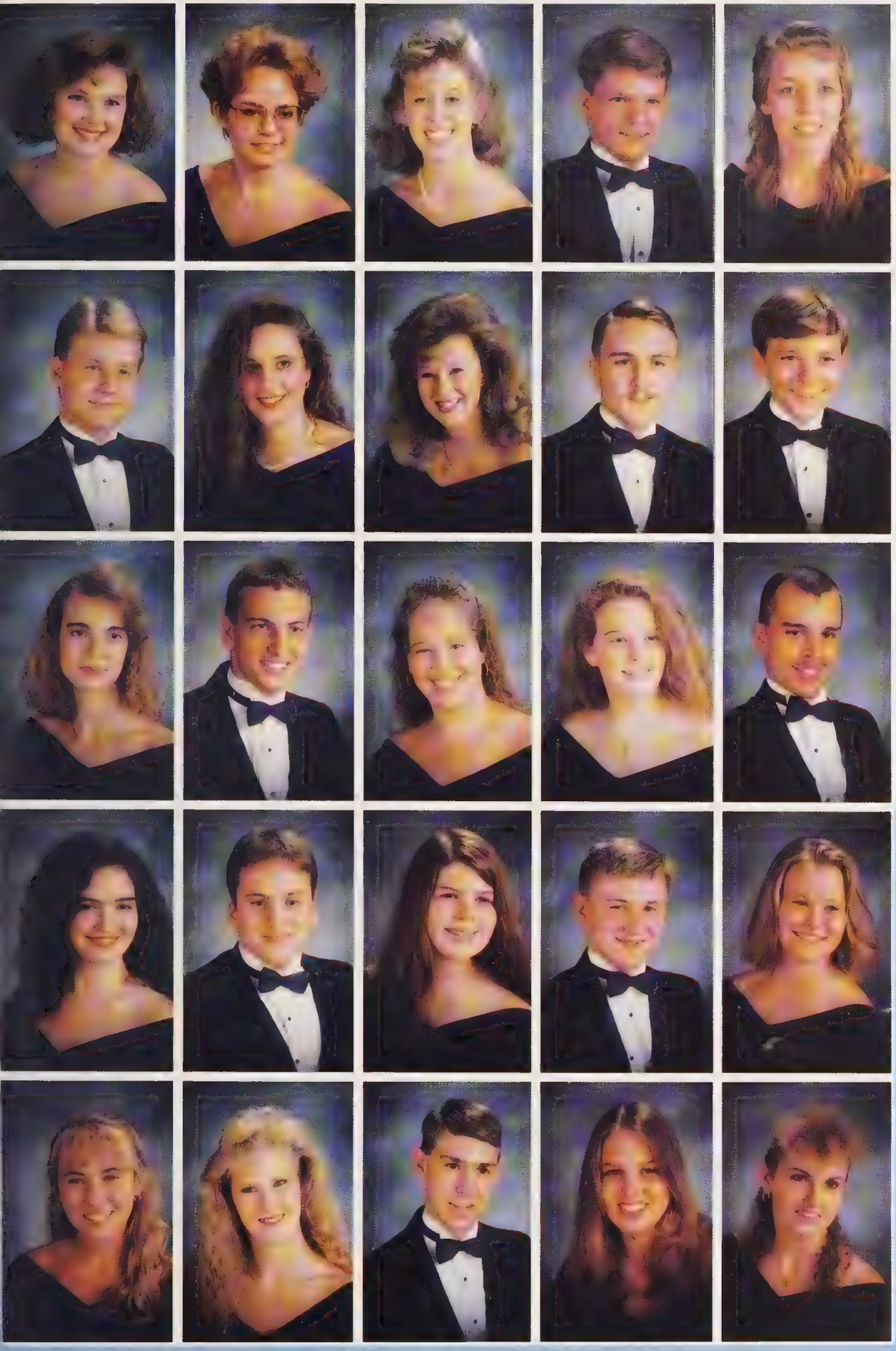
Overall, seniors said that college deadlines were extremely stressful, but they were also exciting because they meant the beginning of a whole new phase of life. ▼

"I think college applications are good, but they are based too much on numbers instead of who you are."

Heidi Parker

Getting Ready

While working on a college application, Paul Walrath stops in to ask guidance secretary Linda Thomas a question. Seniors who planned to go to college spent numerous hours filling out forms.



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Randy Sheehan
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Jason Sherrill
Stephanie Smathers
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Michael Smith
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Jennifer Stolen
Michael Summey
Stephanie Summey

Jenny Swofford
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Bill Thompson
Jessica Trammell
Jane Turpin

Jody Tuttle
Greg Valentine
Myhanh Vo
Robert Waddle
Keri Waldrop

Paul Walrath
Jennifer Ward
Kristen Warren
Amanda Watkins
Jeff Watson

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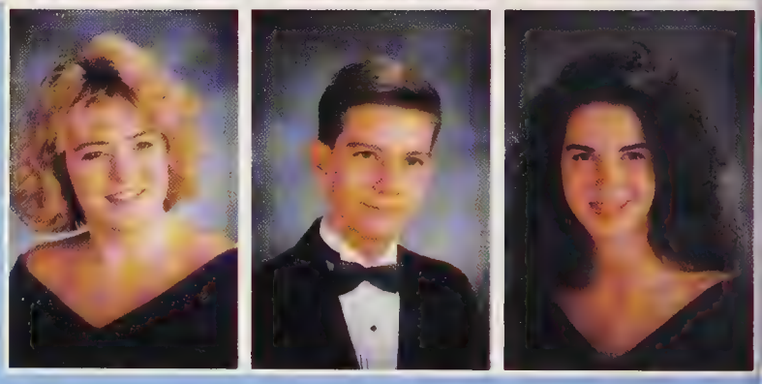

Seniors react to juniors in their

Parking Lot

Seniors had to make room for juniors in the senior parking lot when the administration decided to allow some seniors to park on the hill in the lot near the football field.

What had been the senior parking lot was opened up to juniors, and the seniors had some strong feelings about the change.

Some seniors felt that they had lost a senior privilege. "That was the only thing the seniors could call a privilege — and that was taken away," Courtney Edwards said.

Matthew Drown had a similar view: "That's the only real privilege we get, and they took it away."

Another senior felt that it was a matter of tradition. "I don't believe this should have happened because we (seniors) should have that privilege for ourselves like all the seniors before us," Kathy Barba said.

Some seniors felt that allowing the juniors to park in their lot was unfair. Edwards said, "It's not fair because seniors should be given the best possible parking space — not to be filled up with juniors because it wasn't full." "I think it's unfair because it's a tradition. A privilege for seniors," Barba said. ▼

"The seniors deserved to have their own parking lot closest to the entrance so they could get off campus first in the afternoons."

Karen Denton

Long Climb

Coming up the stairs from what had been the senior parking lot, junior Ashley Miles arrives at school. Juniors were allowed to park with the seniors for the first time.

Juniors sleep too late and have to rush

Like Crazy

Juniors took on a new responsibility as they began driving to school for the first time — the responsibility to get to school on time.

Along with the responsibility came the consequences for arriving tardy. These consequences ranged from a warning for a first offense to losing one's driving privileges or serving time in in-school suspension after multiple tardies. At times the office staff called parents to let them know when a student was tardy.

Joey Barnett said, "I think a d-hall should be the worst punishment."

On the other side of the issue, Jessica Chale said, "I don't think that there should be a punishment. If we want to get to school on time, then we will."

Some students did not think that driving privileges should be tied to arriving to school on time.

"Losing driving privileges would be a major educational hazard for juniors because some of them might not be able to get to school," Ben Hill said. ▼

"They shouldn't hold you in the office while they call your parents because you miss more than you would in the first place."

Nathan Pressley

Too Late

Arriving at school at 8:10 a.m., junior Dan Long signs in. All students who were tardy had to check in at the office before they could report to their class.

Stacy Allen
Chuck Allison
Laura Allison
Stacey Allison
Scott Anschuetz
Marcia Austin
Cindy Baldwin

Brandon Ballard
Christy Barnes
Joey Barnett
Scott Baynard
Michelle Bays
Richard Beighle
Adam Bereit

Leann Birchfield
Shan Bishop
Michelle Booher
Matthew Boyer
Roy Brian
Billy Brittain
Melinda Brown

Roger Brown
Jeff Bryans
Joey Bryson
Tim Bryson
Heather Burke
Brent Burkette
Kristen Burnette

Matthew Cabe
Sue Carpenter
Renee Carr
Verna Caudle
Jessica Chale
Christa Childers
Derick Cho

Kevin Clark
Karen Coachman
Thomas Conard
Katrina Cook
Ronnie Coren
Jason Corn
Brian Cotton

Carrie Cox
Diana Craft
Cori Croyle
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Amy Facemire

Emily Fields
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Sharlene Frazier
James Gash
Leslie Gash
Sarah Gendron
Tony Gibson

Shalon Glover
Marsha Goldsmith
Jenny Green
Jason Grier
Toni Grigsby
Chris Guill
Amber Hall

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Lindsay Hawk
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Molly Hensley
Rachel Hensley
Ben Hill

Stephanie Howard
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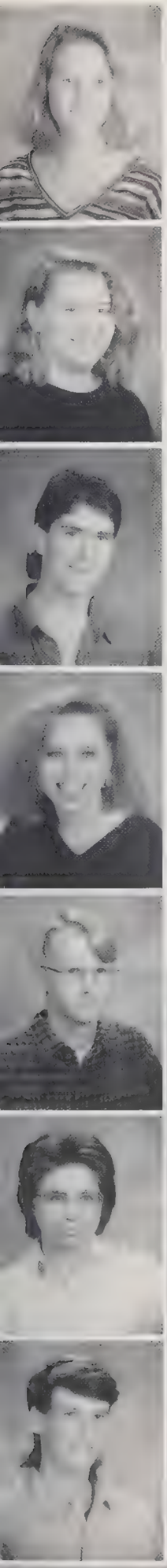


Daring junior has her fun taking the

Big Leap

A fear of heights might keep many people from doing what junior Marcia Austin did during a summer vacation. She paid $25 to go bungee jumping in Myrtle Beach.

"I really just wanted to see what it was like," Austin said.

Once she got to the top, she either jumped or she forfeited her money because she couldn't get a refund.

"I would do it again because this time I wouldn't be so scared," she said.

People who have never bungee jumped before would probably wonder if it hurt, or what it was like.

"It didn't hurt because I had a lot of safety gear on. It felt like I would never stop falling, but the feeling was great," Austin said. "At first they had to weigh me and that determined which safety gear I would get. After they put the saftey gear on me, I had to climb to the top and listen to all the rules. Then when they said, 'One, two, three, bungee,' I had to jump. I was scared when I got to the edge of the platform, but there was an airmat under me, so that eased my feeling a little." ▼

"It's neat being able to tell everyone that I did it. My friends didn't believe me at first, but then I showed them the pictures."

Marcia Austin

Gear Up

As Marcia Austin gets psyched for the thrill of her life, she puts on her bungee safety equipment. Austin, like some other brave students, took the plunge during summer vacation.

Juniors get away from school to

Act Up

The VCR has pretty much made movies and videos the major form of entertainment in America; very few people have the money or time to see live performances.

One goal of the Flat Rock Playhouse was to make sure that all the students in Henderson County had a chance to experience live theater.

The playhouse staff decided to let juniors from the Henderson County schools come see a special production of the American classic *The Glass Menagerie.*

The students' reactions to their field trip were mostly positive. "At first I thought it would be boring, but the play was actually very good. It was very entertaining and fun," Kelley Maxwell said.

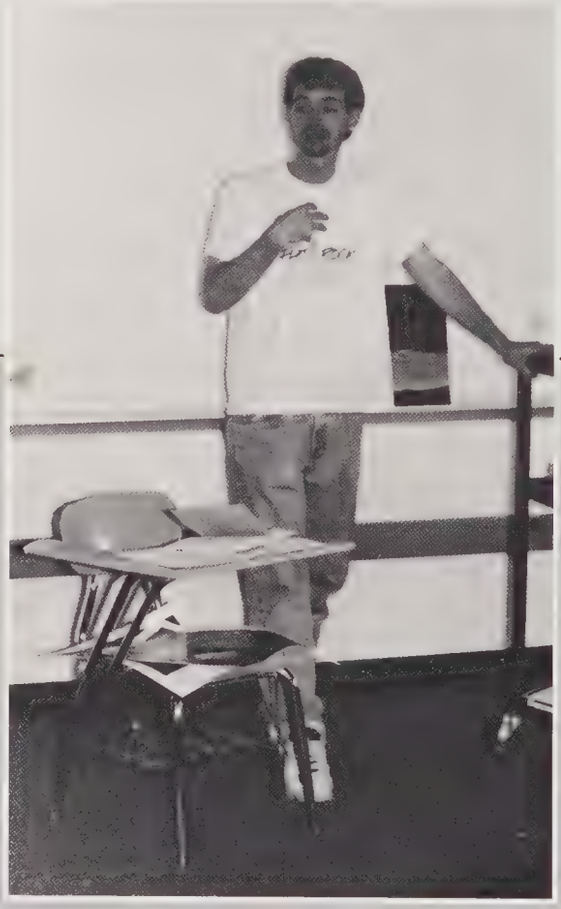
The playhouse staff chose to do the play for juniors since junior English covers American literature. Erin Shook said, "The play was good, and it went along with what we were doing in English."

Some students thought the field trip was a good cultural experience. "It gave the junior class a chance to be culturally exposed," Chris Parker said.

Before the juniors went to the playhouse, one of the actors came to the school to talk wtih them about the play. ▼

"I'm glad we got to see *The Glass Menagerie.* It was a great learning experience."

Erin Shook



Playing Around

A representative from the Flat Rock Playhouse, Scott Treadway, discusses the field trip for the juniors. The junior English classes attended the play The Glass Menagerie *in the fall.*

Kristin Kilpatrick
Brian Kimball
Angela Landers
Billie Jo Langford
Melita Lanning
Stephen Lemmons
Jacquee Logan
Daniel Long

George Love
Luke Manuel
Krista Mateaki
Marty Mathis
Kelley Maxwell
Jaime McCarter
Coleman McCraw
Brian McMinn

Donna McMinn
Sharon Mellard
Andy Menchaca
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Ashley Miles

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Carl Morris

Chris Morris
Jeff Morris
Patrick Mothershead
Amanda Myers
Jennifer Nagy
Lynn Norris
Jimmy Opheim
Scott Orr

Bryan Parris
Chris Parker
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Nathan Pressley
Billy Raines
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Jason Whitley
Marc Whittemore
Kemo Whitten
Shannon Wildes

Jesse Wilinski
Tina Willis
Jonathan Wood
Kelley Worley
Eric Young
Heather Young
Katie Youngblood
Brian Zumstein

Junior spends time hitting the High Notes

Juniors displayed a wide variety of talents, and one junior, Traci Johnston, had opportunities through her orchestra class to use her talents.

"I started in the sixth grade. I wanted to play an instrument in the band, but the school I went to didn't have one. All they had was an orchestra, so I decided to play the cello. I didn't realize then that it would turn out to be so important to me," she said.

Johnston not only played in the school orchestra, she was also involved in other strings groups, including the Carolina Youth Symphony.

"CYS is based in Greenville, S.C., at Furman University," she said. "To be admitted in, you have to audition, and the symphony is made up of young people up through the 12th grade.

"I'm also in a quartet based out of the Hendersonville Symphony. People call and ask us to play for whatever they have going on. Most of the time we get paid. Mostly we play in weddings and receptions," she said. "Getting paid is not the only reason I do the quartet, but it is one. It's also a very good experience." ▼

"I'm interested in another career, but I do plan to continue playing the cello because the cello is so important to me."

Traci Johnston

Practice Hard

In her strings class, junior Traci Johnston concentrates on her musical score. Johnston said she practiced on her cello an hour or more each day in addition to the time in class.

Artistic excellence recognized with awarding of

Gold Keys

Exceptional work should always be rewarded. Three art students found this axiom to be true when they received special recognition through the Scholastic Art Awards program.

More than 1,200 works were submitted for judging in the Western North Carolina region. Two West Henderson sophomores, Laila Watson and Scott Sams, won Gold Keys, and freshman Brandon Keith won a Silver Key.

Watson said, "I was really surprised to get a Gold Key. I have had projects entered in the scholastic contest before which didn't even get into the show. This one not only got in, but it went to New York for the National Awards Program."

Watson's work was a large pastel drawing of a starving Somalian child. It was titled "Real Hunger."

Keith, a Silver Key winner, said, "My parents were very proud of me; they have really supported me on my art work. They know that it's a major part of my life, and they encourage me to do my best and enjoy what I do."

Keith entered a mixed media piece titled "Tomato Toothpaste."

Scott Sams' parents, upon hearing the news of his award, reacted much like Keith's.

Sams said, "They told me that they were proud, and that I had done a great job."

His winning artwork was a computer-generated piece titled "City of Rune."

"It was a computer image of a city in the desert at sunrise," he said.

The Gold Keys were presented to the art students at Pack Place Arts Education and Science Center in Asheville on Feb . 6. ▼

"It was a great honor to receive the Gold Key Award for my art work, and I am glad the art program has taken off."

Scott Sams

Water Color

In art class, sophomore Laila Watson works on a picture she was painting for a project. Watson was one of three students to be recognized in the Scholastic Art Awards Program.

Heather Alexander
Laura Alexander
Angie Allison
Nicole Allison
Crystal Ammons
Rob Anderson

Danny Arwe
Jeremy Ashburn
Misty Atkins
Elizabeth Atkinson
Brian Baldwin
Thomas Baldwin

William Barnwell
Jennifer Barthell
Wendi Bauman
Amanda Bencivenga
Shane Bishop
Trisha Blackwell

Shaun Blythe
Ashley Bohannon
Jennifer Booth
Kelly Booth
Melissa Bowen
Tanya Brackett

Jessica Bradley
Jeremy Branks
Tara Bride
Daniel Brittain
Amy Brock
Christopher Brock

Gary Bruce
Shonda Brush
Concetta Buckner
William Burgin
Elizabeth Burleson
John Cannon

Joshua Cannon
Shellene Cannon
Thomas Cannon
Johnny Cantrell
Misty Capps
Clifford Carlile

Bart Carter
Jennie Case
Jeremy Chrisman
Keally Clark
Chris Clayton
Melissa Cole

Matthew Collier
Drew Collins
Michael Connelly
Stacey Connelly
Melissa Cook
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Kevin Cross
Daniel Dabbs
Rick Dalton
Dorthea Daly
Brent Davis
Rocky Davis

Shawnda Davis
Deidra Day
Stacy Dotson
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Chris Dunbar

Raymond Eddings
Jennifer Ernst
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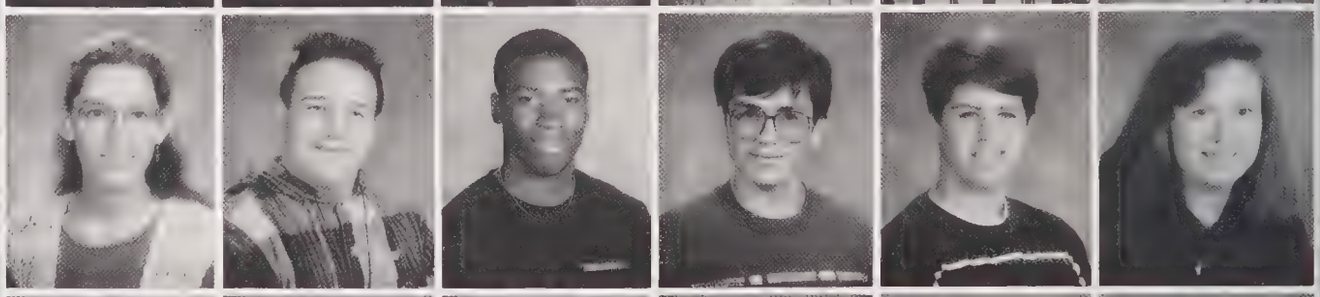
Elizabeth Fitzgerald

Heather Forsythe
Jeremy Fraize
Bobby Franklin
Eric Galloway
Rodney Galloway
Angela Garcarz



Charles Gilliand
Zack Glover
Hajji Grape
Rick Grassette
Jeremiah Guffey
Jonathan Hancock

Some sophomores skip classroom driver's ed. to opt for a

Crash Course

Starting in the tenth grade, students tend to get more serious about high school as they get their class rings and driver's licenses.

In the past, sophomores had to take the classroom and driving portions of driver's education, but a new provision allowed sophomores to skip the classroom part if they could pass a written test.

"I like the test because you don't have to spend a lot of time in the classroom," Rebekah Kaylor said.

Chad Maltby had a similar view. "I really liked it because I didn't have to take the class," he said.

Stephanie Jackson had a different opinion of taking the 200-question test over the class. "I think you would learn more about driving if you took the class," she said.

"I thought the driving part was more difficult than the test," Kaylor said.

The driving portion of driver's education still had its challenges

"The most interesting thing that happened to me in driver's ed. was having Coach Shook as a teacher," Jackson said.

Maltby also shared an experience. "The most interesting thing was when we were driving and my partner drove on the sidewalk," he said. ▼

"I thought that the driver's education class was more difficult because there were so many tests that we had to take."

Stephanie Jackson

Rite of Passage

In December, sophomore Crystal Matheson picks up her class ring from the Jostens' representative. The sophomores had their first opportunity to purchase a class ring in the fall.

Students with older brothers and sisters deal with

Sibling Rivalries

Living with older brothers and sisters can be hard, but having them in the same school can make life complicated. Several sophomores joined their older siblings at West Henderson.

On the down side was the comparison other students and teachers made between sibilings. "I feel like his shadow; you aren't the top brother at the school. When people call my last name, I don't know if they are talking to him or to me," Jeremiah Guffey said about his older brother Josh.

But since sophomores couldn't drive to school, they learned to appreciate their older siblings.

"He brought me to school, and he gave me advice for the first day of school," sophomore Mark Sherrill said about his older brother Jason.

"It's good to have an older brother at school because he can give me a ride and I don't have to ride the bus," Jeremiah Guffey said.

Since both Jeremiah and Josh Guffey and Mark and Jason Sherrill played sports together, they agreed they supported each other.

"I liked to see Josh do well; it made me proud," Jeremiah Guffey said.

"We support each other and watch each other play," Mark Sherrill said.

Mark Sherrill said he did not mind going to school with his brother.

"I like going to school with Jason. He sets the standards for me as far as grades and sports," Mark Sherrill said.

"We get along at home and at school, except when he picks on me," Jeremiah Guffey said.

"Jason and I get along with each other because we aren't around each other that much," Mark Sherrill said. ▼

"I will miss my brother when he goes off to school if he doesn't come home on the weekends."

Mark Sherrill

Brotherly Guidance

Chatting in the hall between classes, brothers Ian Cross, a senior, and Kevin Cross, a sophomore, discuss arrangements for after school. Several sophomores had an older brother or sister at school.

Ritchie Harbison
Julie Harden
Damien Hazel
Brian Heaton
Greg Henderson
Jamie Hendricks

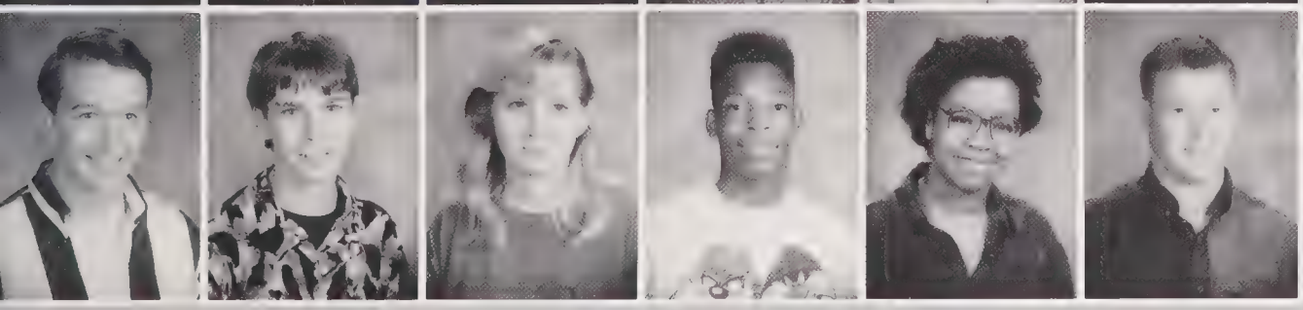
Jeremy Hind
Leslie Hollifield
Leslie Hollingsworth
Kenneth Hudgins
Emily Hudson
Eric Hudson

Tandy Israel
Jennifer Jackson
Stephanie Jackson
Mike Jacobsen
Cristen Jenkins
Jennifer Jones

Jamie Justus
Rebekah Kaylor
Brian Kennedy
Franklin King
Jared King
Jenna King

Wesley King
Ryan Kirkpatrick
Joshua Kirtley
Jessica Knapp
Holly Kramer
David Lance

Mike Lane
Adrian Lanning
Paul Larate
Brentley Laughter
Manny Leclercq
John Lentini



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Shawna Lynch
Chad Maltby

Casey Manuel
Elizabeth Martone
Crystal Matheson
Tory Matteson
Chris McGraw
Jarrett McInnis

Laura McKinney
Renee Meekins
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Melissa Merrill
Chris Messer
Robbie Mintz

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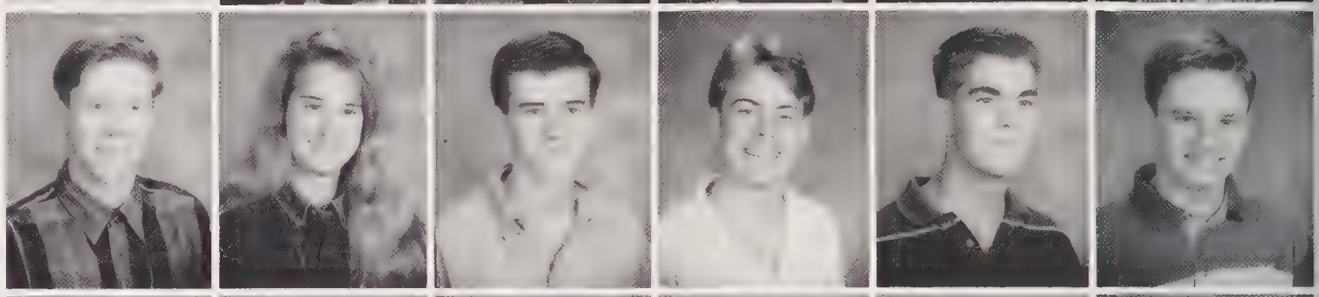

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Jeremy Neal
Mike Newman
Heather Nicholson
Joshua Norris

Chris Pace
Brandon Parker
Shawn Parton
Erica Paulus
Rachel Payne
Miracle Pennell

Andy Pennock
Brian Plemmons
Bobbi Poole
Bryan Porter
Sally Pressley
Michael Price

Angel Raines
Ryan Rector
Stacy Redden
Rheanna Roberts
Felicia Robinson
Tiffany Rose

Sophomores make room for freshmen and share their

First Year

The sophomores weren't the only new faces at West Henderson as they were joined by the freshman class as they came across the street from the junior high school.

To some sophomores, sharing their first year of high school with the freshmen was not a big deal, but to others it was. Some even thought it was nice having the freshmen with them.

"To me, it didn't really matter if the freshmen were there or not. It was just school, and school was something you had to do no matter what grade you were in," Troy Williams said.

Laura Alexander disagreed with Williams. She said, "I kind of liked having the freshmen come up with us because that meant that we weren't the youngest ones at West."

"It was kind of weird being in classes with people who were younger and older, but I got used to it, and it was nice getting to know the different people," Ritchie Harbison said.

"I liked having freshmen in my classes. They're pretty nice and smart," Alexander said.

Some sophomores felt that they were cheated out of a year of high school by having to wait until their tenth-grade year to change schools.

"I wish we had been in high school last year. In high school we get a lot more freedom than we did in junior high," Williams said.

"I think it would have been great to have been able to come to West last year. The freshmen are pretty lucky to get to," Harbison said.

Some sophomores were happy to see the freshmen come from Rugby along with their older classmates because they were friends with many of the ninth graders.

"I have a lot of friends who are freshmen and I'm glad that they are here," sophomore Laura Alexander said. ▼

"The freshmen are immature, but they gave us someone to pick on and it helped us adjust."

Paul Larate

On Parade

At the Apple Festival parade in September, junior varsity cheerleaders Laura Alexander, Kristen Weaver, and Melinda Heatherly find a friendly face in the crowd. Alexander was a sophomore on the squad with Weaver and Heatherly, both freshmen.

Sophomores needing a ride to school try not to

Miss the Bus

Riding to school in a big yellow "limousine" was a privilege most underclassmen and a few upperclassmen had to cope with on a daily basis.

Riding the bus was a fact of life for many sophomores because they were not allowed to drive on campus, even though some of them had their driver's licenses.

"Riding the bus can be OK, but most of the time it is too loud and annoying," Jenna King said. "I usually end up taking an aspirin when I get home."

Stephanie Jackson, who often found ways to avoid riding the bus, said, "I didn't mind it too much most of the time. It just took a long time to get home. I try to always get a ride to and from school either from my mom or dad, my friends, or my boyfriend so I don't have to ride the bus anymore."

The video cameras placed in the fronts of the buses to monitor student behavior drew some criticism.

Mack Mitchell said, "Riding the bus is boring. It's all right sometimes; it's just that sometimes it gets a little too rambunctious in the back. We need to get rid of the cameras because I think that they invade our privacy."

"There aren't any assigned seats on my bus. The cameras must not work because we always eat and drink on the bus," Eric Slater said. ▼

"It's loud and it gives me a headache. It's a pain, and I look forward to a time when I don't have to ride the bus."

Chris Brock

All Aboard

Ready and waiting to go home after school, sophomores Melissa Cole and Bart Carter board their ride home. Many underclassmen rode the bus home.

Melinda Rutter
Jamie Sams
Scott Sams
Gregory Sanders
Angie Searcy
Angela Sensing
Steven Sheehan

Mark Sherrill
Jeff Simerly
Joshua Simpson
Courtney Skillman
Eric Slater
Timothy Slusser
Kenneth Smith

Kevin Smith
Joshua Smoyer
Timothy Southern
Summer Stansell
Jeremy Stephens
Jeremy Stepp
Scott Stepp

Tracie Stewart
Sonny Thomas
Amanda Thrasher
Chesney Trammell
Natasha Triplett
David Tuttle
Heang Uy

Julie Varnadore
Fabiola Vera
Ray Wallen
Ricky Ward
Donecia Waters
Mekia Waters

Laila Watson
April Wells
Brian West
Helga White
Misty Williams
Troy Williams

Jeremy Wist
Eric Wood
Brandie Yow

Exchange student experiences a whole

New World

Most people would feel a little nervous if they were faced with a situation where they knew no one and could not speak the language.

Foreign exchange student Ingrid Sanchez from Mexico admitted that she did.

There are many changes that young people must go through when they become a foreign exchange student. "My parents and I, we all made the decision for me to come to the United States," Sanchez said. "I wanted to learn English and different customs. I also wanted to meet new people and go to a new school."

Coming to a new school required a number of adjustments. "It was hard for me to adjust because people kept coming to me and asking about my being a foreign exchange student. I was getting tired of explaining the differences to everyone," she said, "but I would recommend the program for someone else; it's a good experience."

Sanchez wrapped it all up when she said, "It was a good experience because I learned English and met new people." ▼

"I was nervous when I came to the U.S. because I knew no one, knew little English, and there were different customs."

Ingrid Sanchez

¿Hablas espanol?

In physical science class, exchange student Ingrid Sanchez chats with classmate Ashley Hemsath. Sanchez said she found it hard to understand her new American friend at first.

Jenny Allison
Teddy Aluotto
Julie Anders
Shara Andrews
Michael Arney
Cryus Ashbrook
Joe Ashbrook

Wanda Badgett
Ondrea Baker
Jonathan Baldwin
Trey Banks
Kyle Barker
Michelle Barksdale
Bryant Barnett

Brian Beddingfield
Paul Bernau
Damon Blackley
Matt Blumm
Aaron Blythe
Jon Boggs
Douglas Bonessi

Nichole Booher
Faith Boyd
Crystal Boyett
Tracy Brackett
Michelle Branham
Jeff Branham
Donald Brock

Zachary Browning
Eric Bunker
Jamie Cagle
Aaron Carter
Kacey Case
John Cely
Erin Chalfin

Eric Christiansen
Jason Clark
Kristy Clark
Melissa Coles
Layla Collins
Andrew Collura
Jerry Connelly

Matthew Cordell
Alicia Corn
Nathan Corn
Robert Creasman
Brad Cunningham
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Chari Cutshall

Keith Damato
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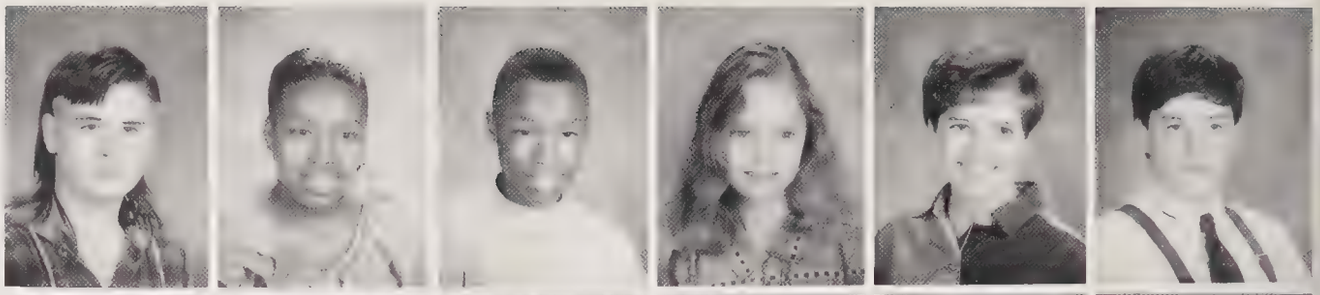
Kenny Davidson
Charity Davis
Judy Davis
Michael Diegan
Bryan Dill



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Jamie Drown
Jeremy Druther
Mike Drzewiecki
Tonya Eastridge
Deborah Edwards

Nathaniel Ellis
Christina Eplee
Todd Eschenburg
Kristy Facemire
Chris Fain
Angela Frenandini
LaCosta Fish

Katherine Fowler
Jessica Fransen
Altavise Franklin
Jessica Galloway
Scott Galloway
Nattlye Garren
Marie Gibson

Anthony Gilliland
Lucy Gilliland
Casey Gilmore
Mollie Goode
Chris Gosnell
Benjamin Grauer
Deirdre Gray

Jessica Guffey
Rebecca Gussman
Leann Hadden
Jessica Hall
Nathan Hamilton
Tara Harding
Matthew Harris

Tracy Hart
Bret Hartzog
Miranda Harwood
Christopher Hayes
Ezra Heald
Melinda Heatherly
Michael Helms

Upperclassmen become the freshmen's

New Friends

Starting high school brought some anxious moments as the freshmen arrived on campus in August.

New classes, new teachers, new rules, a larger campus, and the upperclassmen provided them with a number of challenges.

Some freshmen were willing to share their first impressions on the upperclassmen.

"I thought that they would help me out even though I was a freshman," Kyle Barker said.

Matt Cordell's first impression changed after he got to know some upperclassmen.

"I thought that they would be stuck up, but a lot of them are really nice," he said.

Aaron Blythe gave his impression also. "I thought they were bigger than me and they still are."

Most of the freshmen said that they weren't afraid of the upperclassmen.

"I wasn't afraid of the upperclassmen because I knew a lot of them," Blythe said.

"I knew a lot of them from church and sports, so I wasn't afraid of them," said Cordell. ▼

"When I first started high school, I was afraid the upperclassmen would try to pick on me since I was younger than them."

Jeremy Whitaker

Sage Advice

While typing a newspaper story on the computer, freshmen Cindy McCarson and Laura Williams get help from Wingspan sports editor Jason Dennis.

Freshmen find adjusting to high school is

Tough Work

For the first year in 20 years, the freshman class of ninth graders attended school at West Henderson. The move meant both the freshmen and the school had to make some changes.

Freshmen noticed big differences between junior high and high school. "There is definitely more freedom and responsibility being in high school," said freshman Amy Story. Jamie Ledbetter agreed with Story. "We have more freedom now and we're also treated with more respect because we are expected to act more mature."

Most thought that the differences were good. "The differences are good, because here at West we have more challenges," said Altavise Franklin. Jared Shelton said, "They are good. Junior high was confining and strict."

There were some things about high school freshmen didn't like and would want to change. "I would decrease the number of students in the classroom environment. The fewer the people, the fewer the distractions, the more I learn," Shelton said. "I would want the class changes at least 2 minutes longer because the halls are so crowded," said Erin Driscoll.

Many of the freshmen agreed that they were glad to be in high school and out of junior high. "I'm glad we are in high school. We are getting a lot more freedom sooner than we would have if we had stayed at Rugby," Story said. "I was getting sick of Rugby and the teachers there," Shelton said.

Although the freshmen basically liked being at West, there were things that they had to get used to. "The hardest things for me to get used to were the crowded halls and the different classes in different buildings," said Ledbetter. ▼

"The hardest things for me to get used to were the crowded halls and different classes."

Jamie Ledbetter

Tight Sqeeze

Making her way through the crowded hall, freshman Alice Pace tries to make it to class on time. Halls seemed more crowded in the high school than what the freshmen were used to in junior high.

Ashley Hemsath
Craig Hensley
Leanne Hensley
David Hinkle
Gabe Hogan
Daniel Holbert
Stephen Hollamon

Rebecca Holland
Jesh Humphrey
Steven Hurley
Danny Hyder
Francesca Hyder
Candy Jackson
Matthew Jackson

Sabrina Jenkins
Austin Johnson
Jerry Johnson
Martin Johnson
Robert Johnson
Bradley Johnston
David Jones

Jeremy Justice
Brandon Keith
Kristy Kent
April Killough
Justin Killough
William Kimzey
Rebecca King

William King
Connie Kinsland
Shelley Knighten
Forrest Lance
Jamie Ledbetter
Robert Loos
Crystal Lyle

Jeffery Maillard
Tessa Martin
Jennifer Masters
William Mathews
Daniel Matthews
Cynthia McCarson
Mark McChord

Beth McCollum
Jeffrey McCraw
Brandon McGaha
Cameron McLemore
Kelly McNair
Krista Meehan
Michael Merrill

Lisa Messer
Rebecca Metcalf
James Milton
Mack Mitchell
Nicole Montalbano
Joy Moore
Joshua Moore

Scotty Moore
Cindy Morris
Bryan Motola
Stacy Nace
Danna Neely
Robert Nelson
Carey Norman

Keith Norris
Steven Nyitrai
David Osborn
Alice Pace
Joseph Peterson
Joshua Pettit
Logan Pierce

Randy Poston
Bartley Potts
Christy Pruitt
Sherry Pruitt
Robbie Ramirez
Stephanie Reed
Colin Reilly

Drew Reis
Joshua Rhodes
Anthony Rickman
Crystal Robbins
Shannoah Robbins
Julie Roussell
Shane Russell

Jackie Rust
Heather Sanders
Charles Sentelle
Sarah Serrano
Ronnie Shatley
Terry Shaw
Cynthia Sheehan

Jennifer Sheffield
Jared Shelton
Noah Shelton
Scott Silvers
Jennifer Simpson
Jennifer Sitton
Shawn Skillman

Having to earn extra credits means

More Work

The freshmen had many mixed feelings over having to earn more credits to graduate than the upperclassmen.

Freshman Jessica Smoyer agreed with over half of the freshmen class on this topic. She said, "I don't think it's fair that we have to earn more credits; everyone should have to get the same amount."

Another question that came up was why they thought that the Board of Education raised the number of credits for the freshmen.

Jessica Galloway, a freshman, said "I think that they raised the number of credits simply because everything is so high tech now." Freshman Jamie Cagle agreed with Galloway when she said, "They raised them because they think that we need more skills for today's world." Cagle and Galloway had about the same opinion as the other freshmen that were interviewed.

The main goal to some freshmen and teachers was stated when freshman Billy Mathews said, "I think that having to earn more credits raises your education level because it makes freshmen strive harder to take more classes."

"It raises your education level because you stay in class and learn more," said Jerry Johnson.

The raising of the number of credits will improve the freshmen's knowledge and skills for the future. ▼

" I think that they will raise the number of credits for the classes under us because the knowledge needed will be greater."

Jenny Allison

Studying Hard

In English class, freshman Lucy Gilliland concentrates on her poetry writing. Freshmen were required to earn more credits for graduation than previous classes.

After two decades, freshman class makes a

Come Back

In addition to sophomores moving up, they brought with them a new freshman class. This was the first freshman class to attend the school in 20 years.

Piled upon them were the pressures and expectations of being high school students. They needed more credits, including Algebra I and world cultures, new state graduation requirements.

Some of the students said they didn't like being freshmen at a school new to the concept of having freshmen. "The upperclassmen push you around, and they get you in trouble," freshman Jerry Connelly said.

But not everyone felt that way. "I believe that it is a privilege to be here at West and only be freshmen," Kacey Case said.

Others said they had benefited from the lessons they learned from the upperclassmen.

Altavise Franklin said, "It is better to be here than junior high. We can learn a lot more from the upperclassmen and the examples they set."

Case thought the experience gave students a different outlook on life. It also taught them lessons on what the future holds after a high school education.

"I feel that in high school we will be more involved with the real world that goes on around us," she said. ▼

"High school is much harder than I expected it to be, but I like it better than being at Rugby."

Noah Shelton

Dress Code

Standing at attention, freshman Jeff Williams allows Chief Warrant Officer Paul Weeks to check his uniform. Along with the first freshman class in 20 years arrived the first Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps class.

Christopher Smith
Seth Smith
Derek Smith
Jill Smith
Joshua Smith
Shane Smith
Jessica Smoyer

Jason Springston
Burgin Stahr
Emma Stanley
Aaron Stepp
Robert Stevenson
Andrew Stolen
Amy Story

Jennifer Strickland
Emily Stymfal
Amy Surrett
Bryan Taubert
Joshua Taylor
Graham Thompson
Noland Thomson

Chae Trantham
Vilma Villalobos
Richard Waldrop
Derek Walker
Dwight Ward
Joshua Wasitowski
Samual Watson

Lisa Watts
Sarah Watts
Kristen Weaver
Alex Weil
Matt Welch
Jeremy Whitaker
Jamie White

Kelly White
Tiffany White
Bryan Whitley
Summer Wildes
Daniel Wilinski
Dana Wilkie
Laura Williams

Christi Woodlee
Kelly Wozniak
Justin Wright
Kimberly Young
Nicole Young

Priscilla Aaron
Typing
John Allen
Physical Science, Environmental Science
Brenda Allison
Media Center Assistant
Janice Anderson
English
Maria Ashbrook
Spanish

Larry Ashcraft
Computer Math, Physics
Linda Baldwin
Cafeteria Staff
Kim Belk
Cafeteria Staff
Curtis Cagle
Algebra, Math
Becky Campbell
Geometry, Math

Sally Campbell
U.S. History, Geography
Elva Capps
Cafeteria Staff
Laura Chalfin
Child Care Assistant
Joyce Coggins
Accounting, Typing
Richard Colgan
Carpentry

Mike Cook
Biology, Earth Science
Cathy Corliss
Health, Physical Education
Joyce Corn
Accountant
Judy Creasman
Cafeteria Staff
Don Dalton
Assistant Principal

Ellaree Dalton
Algebra
John Dickson
Band, Chorus, Music
Resi Dolbee
Dance
Frank Gerard
Economics, Government
Brenda Gorsuch
English, Journalism

Students give teacher of the year

High Marks

The faculty selected English teacher Craig Long to be their representative as the teacher of the year. Long had taught at West Henderson for 13 years.

Before coming to West Henderson, Long taught in Springfield, Ohio, for six years.

Long earned his bachlor's degree at Moorehead State University and his master of science degree at the University of Kentucky. He is currently working on his master of arts in education degree at Western Carolina University.

"I became a teacher because I had some teachers that influenced me, and through teaching, I would like to influence other students," Long said.

Sophomore Jenny Case said, "Mr. Long is cool. He understands a lot more points of view than the regular teachers do."

Sophomore Jennifer Booth said, "Coach Long makes things easier to learn with his funny personality."

Long said he enjoys teaching. "It's different; you don't have the same students all the time. It gives me more of a challenge because different students have different attitudes," Long said. "I enjoy the material I teach. It's another challenge to get students to apprciate the language."

Hajji Grape, a sophomore, said, "He is a very good teacher. He is funny and good-hearted. He gives everyone equal treatment."

"Coach Long gives everyone an equal chance to prove their worth as a student," sophomore Kelly Booth said. ▼

"Mr. Long is 100 percent dedicated. I'm very proud that he works in our English department."

Janice Anderson

Look Smart

Taking time out to help a student, teacher Craig Long discusses a poetry fair entry with junior Kipp Spanbauer. Long was voted the teacher of the year by the faculty.

Students must change their response from 'Yes, sir' to

'Yes, ma'am'

For the third time in three years, West Henderson had a new principal, but this time was different because Kathy Revis was the school's first woman principal. Revis, who had formerly served as an assistant principal, came to West Henderson after serving as principal at Tuxedo Elementary School.

"Since West was the first school in Henderson County I ever worked at, I feel a sense of belonging and a sense of pride," Revis said.

New leadership meant new ideas and changes. "I wanted to try to promote a positive school atmosphere, a place where young people enjoy coming to school and feel safe. I wanted a place where quality teaching and learning processes take place. I also had changes in the discipline policies. These have been perceived as more strict by some students. I can't apologize for these changes, for I believe that any organization must have guidelines, rules, and boundaries. Luckily, you students have been most adaptive to thses rules and changes," Revis said.

One of Revis's goals was increasing school pride. "As far as violent actions, I think students know how I feel about that. Violence has no place at school. I am told by students and teachers, the vandalism is down. Less violence can be attributed to the student body's sense of school pride. I believe that we have to send a message that there are more appropriate ways to deal with conflict rather than through violence. I really enjoy seeing the students getting involved with school activities. School spirit develops through tradition, a tradition that can keep developing and growing," Revis said. ▼

"I want to thank the staff, students, and community for all the support that they have given me this year."

Kathy Revis

My Turn

Trick-or-treating with children from the preschool, senior Jodi Shaner helps out as principal Kathy Revis passes out candy. Revis was the first woman principal at the school.

Dennis Griffin
Masonry
Nancy Hall
Typing
Bennie Hardin
Remedial Assistant
Elaine Hooker
Algebra, Geometry
Grant Housley
Principles of Business, Marketing

Mariano Jarrin
Spanish
Linda Klein
French, German
Linda Kortz
Special Education
Margaret Kosco
Guidance
Barbara Lemmons
Geometry, Algebra

Craig Long
English
Matt Masterson
Special Education
Shirley McGee
English
Sheila Messer
Receptionist
Mary Morris
Drama

Alexsandra Mull
Biology, Geology
Betty Mullins
English
Jo Nelson
Cafeteria Staff
Linda Paulus
Physical Science, Biology
Thomas Petullo
JROTC

Edna Pressley
Cafeteria Staff
Kathy Revis
Principal
Gail Riggs
English
Pat Sams
Office Occupations, Typing
Linda Saylor
Chorus, Strings

Cliff Searcy
English
Steve Short
Algebra, Math
Mary Shuford
Cafeteria Staff
Jeff Smith
Drafting
Teresa Smith
English

Linda Soble
Calculus, Algebra
Jan Stakias
World History, U.S. History
Jan Stanley
Physical Education
Joan Steverson
Child Care
Julianna Stout
Biology, Physical Science

Joe Taylor
Agriculture, Horticulture
Kent Teeter
In-School Suspension
Linda Thomas
Guidance Secretary
Becky Varnadore
Health Occupations
Rick Wood
U.S. History, Economics

Bill Worley
U.S. History, World History
Pat Worsham
Art

Special Recognition

Assistant Principal Don Dalton congratulates junior Ian Suber on his award for achieving excellence at a February assembly. Dalton was a new member of the administrative team.

Junior high teachers who move to the high school must

Make Adjustments

Besides having new courses added to the school curriculum, new teachers were also added to the faculty.

Most were new to the school, but not to the teaching field. These teachers had some adjustments to make along with the students.

The teachers who transferred from other schools included Shirley McGee, Cathy Corliss, Frank Gerard, Ellaree Dalton, Nancy Hall, Linda Paulus, Barbara Wood, and Linda Saylor. These teachers came from Rugby and Flat Rock junior high schools and Erwin High School.

Most of these teachers said they liked the change. "I like teaching on a high school level better. The students are more responsible and mature. They take responsibility for their actions," Shirley McGee, a ninth-grade English teacher, said.

Frank Gerard agreed. "The maturity level of the students is higher here. I've always taught ninth grade, but here they seem more willing to emulate upperclassmen when it comes to maturity. It's beneficial to the students," he said.

Many of these new teachers said they felt some stress in the high school.

Gerard said, "There is less stress in terms of students, but in terms of crimes and accidents there is more in the high school."

"Junior high students are trying to be child-like and adult at the same time. They are having so many physical and mental growths that academic learning isn't as important to them so there is much more stress in junior high," Hall said. ▼

"My first impression of West was when I was here in the ninth grade. I loved it then, and I love it now."

Nancy Hall

New Addition

Teaching math in high school for a change, Ellaree Dalton explains a problem to her class. Dalton, who came to West Henderson from Flat Rock Junior High School, said she found the change a pleasant experience.

"ACC" sports in the Apple Country Conference gave the Falcons new opponents but similar results as they made the playoffs in several sports and won two state championships in cross country. The new 2-A conference intensified rivalries as the four county high schools played in

instant replay

the same conference for the first time in two decades. Winning took on added importance for the athletes as they faced possible sanctions from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association because of the school's enrollment.

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Second Mile

At the ChemLawn Invitational at Enka High School, senior Blake Andrews, cross country team captain, begins the second mile of a three-mile race. Andrews was a WLOS Scholar Athlete of the Week.

Soccer players overcome inexperience to become a

PLAYOFF TEAM

Making the state playoffs seemed an impossible goal when the soccer team started the season, team members said.

But as the season progressed, expectations began to change.

Sophomore Troy Williams summed up the season: "We started off with barely enough men to field the team, but as the season progressed we pulled together and finished the season with a better record than most people expected."

Though the soccer team faced obstacles, such as being the youngest team in the new Apple Country Conference, Coach Steve Short felt the team had talent and would do well in upcoming years.

"We did exceptionally well finishing the season with a 7-11-2 overall record, and we made it to the state playoffs, losing to North Stanley in the first round of the state playoffs," Short said. "Only graduating two senior starters and having one junior starter, we have a strong outlook for the next couple of years."

> "We had a young team but most of us adapted well to playing on the high school level. We're expecting an even better season next year."
>
> — **Manny Leclercq**

There were some low moments for the soccer team, the players said.

"The low point of this year's soccer season was losing so many players to injury, and the high point of the season came when we advanced to state playoffs even with the drawbacks of injuries, youth, and inexperiences," junior Sean Illgen said.

Team member Damon Blackley, a freshman, said he was happy with his first season as a Falcon and had a positive outlook about upcoming years.

"I think that we had a good year considering how young a team we had. We will get better in the seasons to come and hope to have as much fun as we did this year," Blackley said. ▼

Soccer • 7-11-2

Soccer

FIRST ROW: Brent Davis, John Tillman, Troy Williams, Chris Dunbar SECOND ROW: Jennifer McAlhaney-statistician, Kipp Spanbauer, Kyle Barker, Chris Hayes, Kurt Jensen, Sean Illgen, Ryan Banning-manager BACK ROW: Steve Short-coach, Aaron Carter, Manny Leclercq, Mike Jacobsen, Joe Ashbrook, Jamie Ledbetter, Damon Blackley, Rob Roussel-assistant coach

1	Tuscola	4
1	Enka	6
4	Erwin	1
2	Owen	1
0	T. C. Roberson	6
1	Franklin	4
0	Asheville	3
3	Brevard	3
0	Asheville	9
0	Avery	3
6	Mitchell	1
3	North Henderson	0
2	Hendersonville	3
8	Polk	1
1	East Henderson	4
4	North Henderson	0
2	Hendersonville	4
3	Polk	1
2	East Henderson	2
0	North Stanley	7

Throw In

After being kicked out of bounds by the opposing team, the soccer ball is put back into play by junior Sean Illgen. Illgen had played soccer since elementary school.

Get Down

In the game against Erwin, sophomore Brent Davis slides to receive a kick. West went on to win the non-conference game.

Keep Away

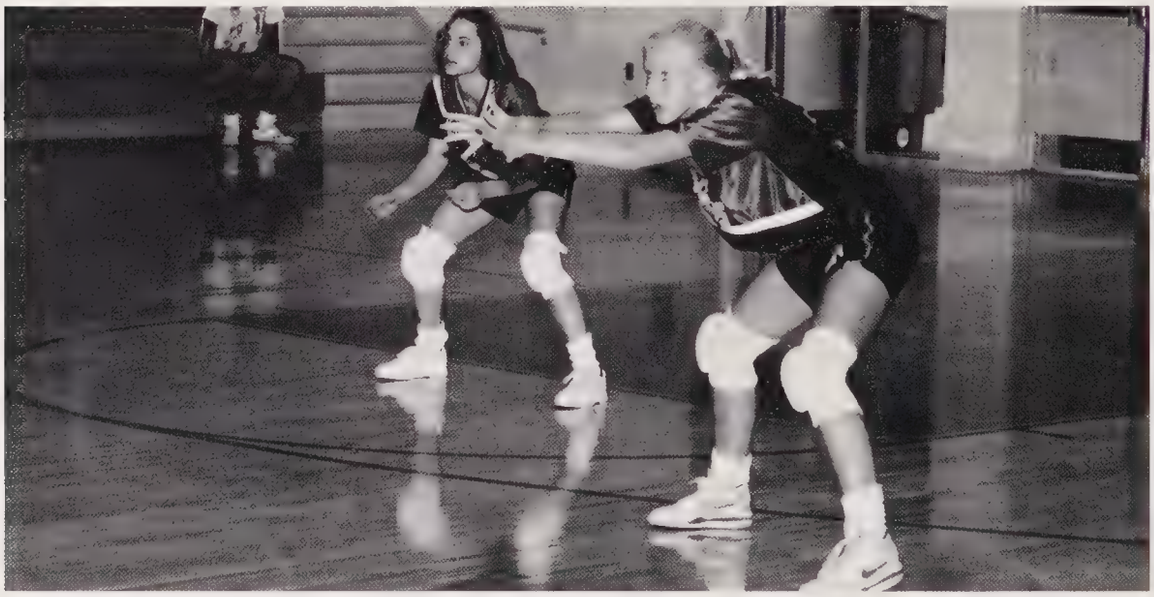
Dribbling down the field, Jeremy Hind eludes an Erwin player to get the ball closer into scoring position. Ball control was an important part of the sport.

Grid Lock

As an opponent knocks the ball over the net, freshman Tiffany White uses her jumping skill against Hendersonville. The Lady Falcons went on to defeat the Lady Bearcats twice.

Sittin' Pretty

Getting in position, junior Karen Coachman and freshman Tiffany White get ready to return the ball. The Lady Falcons gave Coach Jan Stanley her 300th coaching victory.



Ace It

During a home game, senior Heidi Parker serves the ball. Parker was captain of the team.

Coach gets 300th win, and Lady Falcons develop a

NEW RIVALRY

Redistricting, conference realignment, and the reassignment of faculty members to implement the new middle school concept created an unusual situation for the varsity volleyball team.

When playing the team's new county rival, North Henderson, many of the team members were, in fact, playing against their previous junior high coach, Sue Moon.

"I felt very weird about playing against North, seeing as only one year before, she was our coach," sophomore Amy Brock said.

But with all the changes came a record-breaking season. Coach Jan Stanley celebrated her 300th career win.

Helping Stanley get her 300th, the varsity women finished with 18 wins and four losses and made the third round of the state playoffs.

"When you work hard, good things happen, and we deserved making the playoffs," senior Heidi Parker said.

"We as a team worked well together; that is something our coaches really stressed — working together, being a family, and pulling each other through. A good team has to do that," she said.

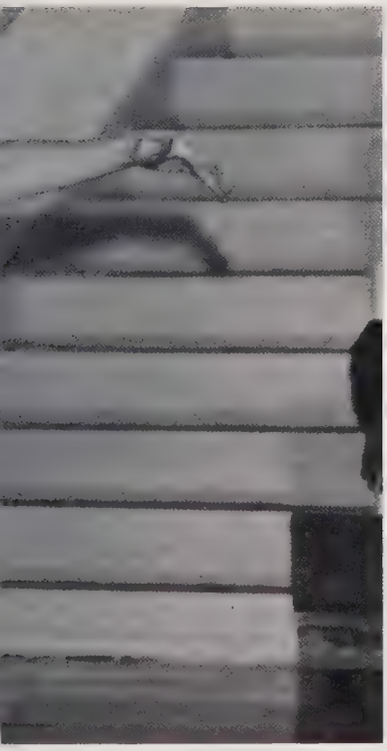
> "Our overall season was great. If we had played more as a team, we could have progressed further and accomplished our plans."
>
> — **Joyelle Lively**

Some underclassmen were asked to move up from the varsity team.

"I felt honored and privileged to play for varsity and JV when they needed me to cover," sophomore Misty Capps said.

"I'm going to miss my place on the team more than anything else at West, and I hope I can always come back to cheer on my fellow teammates," senior Kelly Lipe said.

"I've enjoyed the three years on the team. I feel that we were very successful overall and that makes me proud to say that I was a member," senior Cindy Moore said. ▼



Varsity Volleyball • 18-4

Volleyball

FIRST ROW: Amy Brock, Heidi Parker, Cindy Moore, Joyelle Lively SECOND ROW: Sally Pressley, Tiffany White, Kelly Lipe, Laura Moore, Tamara Stewart, Heather Nicholson, Karen Coachman BACK ROW: Andy Pennock-statistician, Meredith Moore, Misty Capps, Courtney Skillman, Teresa Moore, Julie Connelly, Connie Kinsland

3	Pisgah	0
3	Brevard	0
3	Enka	0
2	Freedom	1
3	Tuscola	0
3	Enka	0
3	Brevard	0
3	McDowell	0
3	Chase	0
0	North Henderson	3
3	Hendersonville	0
3	Polk	0
3	A. C. Reynolds	0
3	East Henderson	0
3	Chase	0
1	North Henderson	2
3	Tuscola	0
2	Hendersonville	3
3	Polk	0
3	East Henderson	0
3	Starmount	1
0	Mooresville	3

Hard work mixed with fun makes junior varsity team

COMPETITIVE

"Fun," "successful," and "competitive" were the words freshman Jessica Guffey used to describe the junior varsity volleyball season.

"I was very pleased with my girls' performances; they went out and got the job done," Coach Sally Campbell said.

The junior varisty team finished first in the new Apple Country Conference with an 18-1 record.

"I had a lot of fun, but we did work hard," sophomore Misty Capps added.

The Lady Falcons put in two hours a day perfecting their game. Their only loss came in the very first game of the season against Pisgah.

"We lost that game due to jitters," Campbell said, "more so mine, than theirs."

The JV Lady Falcons went on to beat their new county and conference rival North Henderson three times.

"Hope is not enough to win a game on; we applied ourselves when we played North Henderson, and we won our games," freshman Altavise Franklin said.

> "Coming into the season with an injury, it was hard to get back into shape, but the team was supportive and I was glad to be an asset for some of the vital games."
>
> — **Heather Nicholson**

In playing against North Henderson, the junior varsity women had to defeat a team coached by their former junior high coach, Sue Moon.

"North was a hard game to play because everyone knew each other. It was also hard playing against last year's coach," sophomore Sally Pressley said.

Some of the junior varsity players earned spots on the varsity squad during the season.

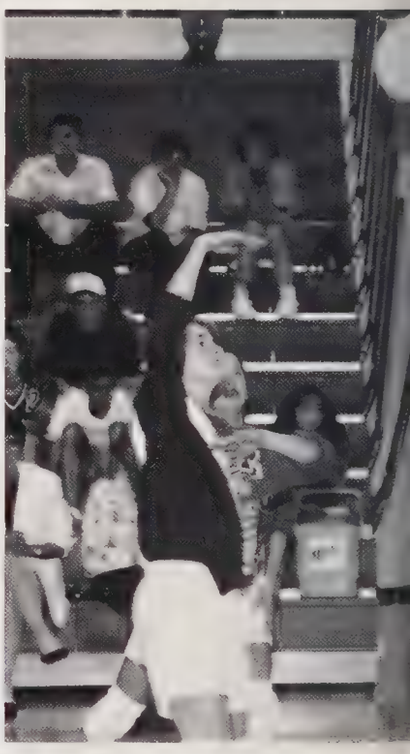
"I feel the underclassmen played a major role in the success of our team. We will be stronger in the future because of the experience we had," freshman Kelley Wozniak said. ▼

Junior Varsity Volleyball • 18-1

Junior Varsity Volleyball

FIRST ROW: Altavise Franklin SECOND ROW: Danna Neely, Jenny Simpson, Kelley Wozniak, Jessica Guffey BACK ROW: Sally Campbell-coach, Misty Capps, Meredith Moore, Sally Pressley, Heather Nicholson, Jan Stanley-coach.

1	Pisgah	2
2	Brevard	0
2	Enka	1
2	Smoky Mountain	0
2	Enka	0
2	Brevard	0
2	McDowell	0
2	Chase	0
2	North Henderson	0
2	Hendersonville	0
2	Polk	0
2	A. C. Reynolds	0
2	East Henderson	0
2	Chase	0
2	North Henderson	1
2	Tuscola	0
2	Hendersonville	1
2	Polk	0
2	East Henderson	0

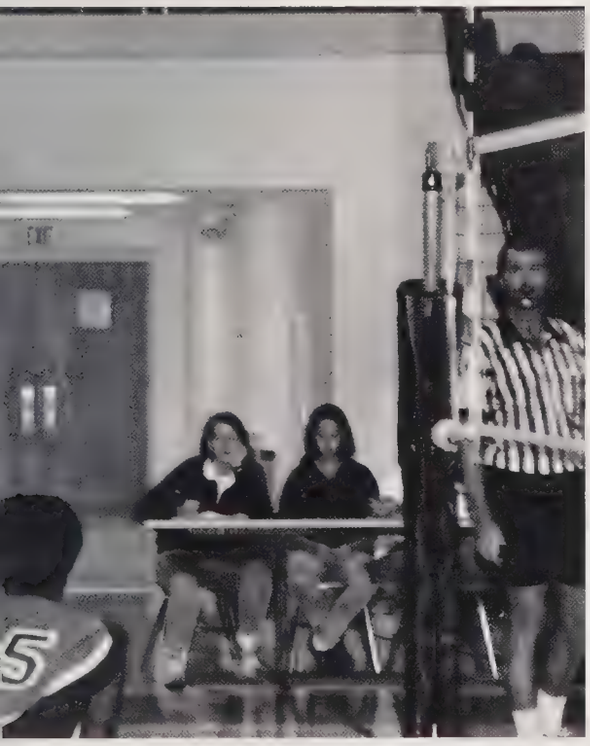


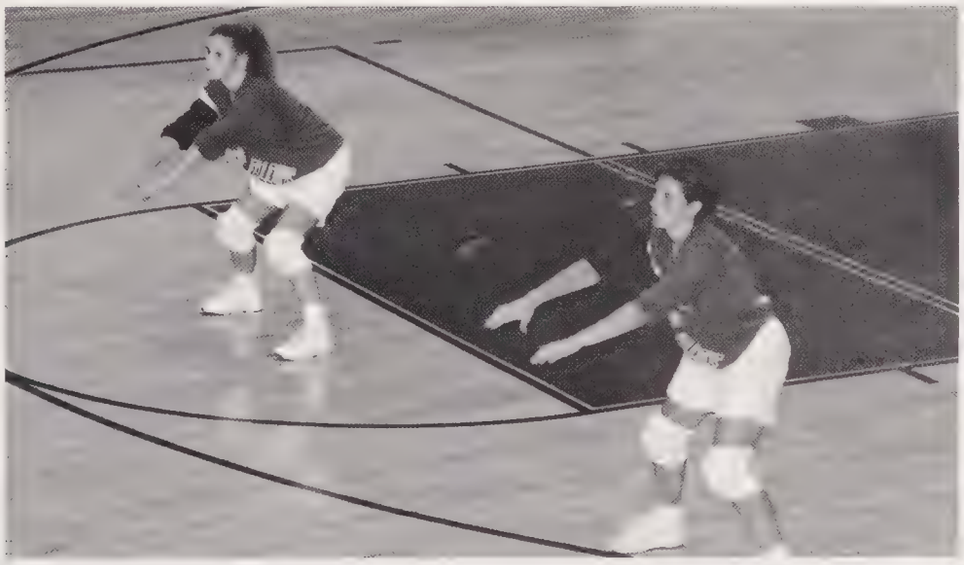
Heads Up

Setting up to hit the ball, Altavise Franklin sends Hendersonville a message. Franklin said offense was her favorite part of volleyball.

Get Ready

At a home game, Danna Neely and Misty Capps prepare to defend Falcon territory. The Lady Falcons went on to finish 18-1, 10-0 in the ACC.





Smack It

As sophomore Meredith Moore spikes the ball, she sends it flying through the air. The Lady Falcons went on to beat the Lady Bearcats.

Coming Through

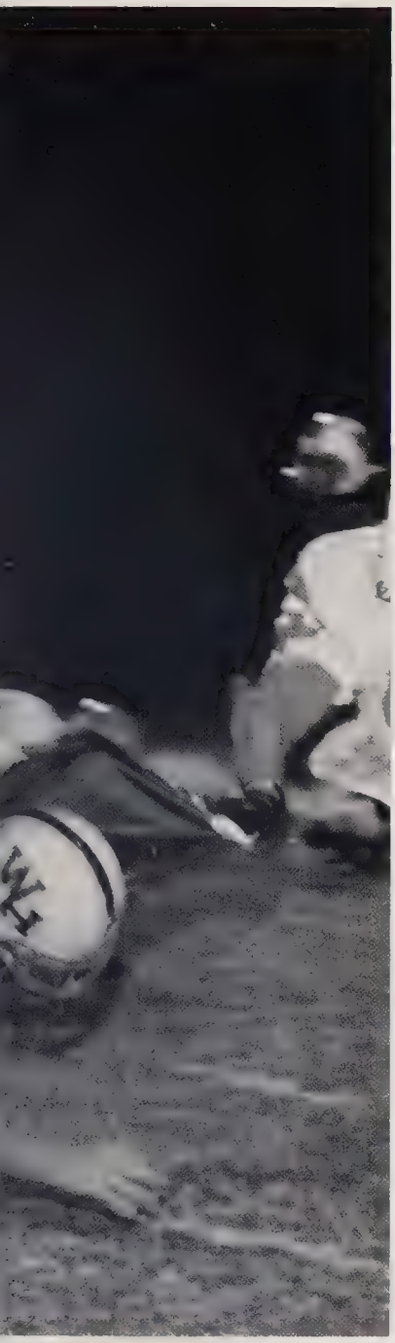
As the Hendersonville players run toward him, quarterback Luke Manuel, a junior, receives a kick-off. The Falcons lost the homecoming game against county rival Hendersonville.

Tumbling Down

In the Falcon game against Brevard, the ball goes down and the players go with it. The Falcons went on to win the non-conference game, 13-10.

New Play

The dirt on the sideline becomes an aid to help Coach Frank Gerard draw out a play for Greg Dahl and Chris Guill.



Falcons enter new conference with a season marred by

TOUGH LOSSES

The varisty football team had a season marked by tough losses, according to the coaches and players.

"It was heartbreaking because we lost three games that we should have easily won," head coach Danny Shook admitted.

The new Apple Country Conference provided some tough competition.

"We didn't go to playoffs," sophomore Josh Simpson said, "but we were young and we will be back."

The team seemed to share his positive attitude.

"Even though we lost a couple of games, this team had a lot of talent and heart to go with it. They will be back and other teams will be sorry for having them on the schedule," senior Josh Wells said.

"I was proud of the players because they never gave up," Shook said. "We had a great number of sophomores and juniors starting. The next two years should be very good ones with so many good players returning."

> "I liked the people I played with this year a lot. We had a lot of fun, but I just wish that a couple more games would have gone our way."
>
> — **Josh Wells**

Coach Paul Whitaker added, "This team had the potential to be a contender for years to come. We played three seniors and they all had great years,"

Even though the Falcons didn't always come out on top on the scoreboard, quarterback Luke Manuel said, "In each member of the team and coaches' hearts we were the best."

Jon Israel was also pleased with the way the season went.

"I was pretty satisfied with the season. There were a lot of games in which one or two plays won or lost the game for us," he said. ▼

Varsity Football • 5-6

Varsity Football

FIRST ROW: Wesley King, Ken Whittemore, Luke Manuel, Bobby Franklin, Andy Menchaca, Christopher Messer, Steven Helms, Mark Sherrill SECOND ROW: Christopher Guill, Chris Parker, Scottie Stepp, Greg Dahl, Chad Maltby, Scott Frazier, Josh Simpson, Jeremy McMinn, Jon Israel, Nick Swayngim THIRD ROW: Frank Gerard-coach, Cliff Searcy-coach, Billy Brittian, Adam Bereit, Jerimi Springston, Joshua Wells, Coleman McGraw, T. J. Baldwin, Paul Bagwell-coach, Mike Cook-coach BACK ROW: Paul Whitaker-coach, Jeff Smith-coach, Mark Manuel-coach, Danny Shook-head coach, Curtis Cagle-coach, Kent Teeter-trainer

0	Forbush	15
19	A.C. Reynolds	16
0	Pisgah	28
40	Erwin	8
13	Brevard	10
14	Tuscola	15
21	Chase	22
28	North Henderson	7
7	Hendersonville	20
17	Polk	0
10	East Henderson	21

Junior varsity Falcons survive losing season with

ENTHUSIASM

The JV season was a disappointment to everyone, but I feel that we all played with heart and character. We had the ability to win games, but the marbles just didn't roll our way," sophomore Heang Uy said, summing up the 1-8 season of the junior varsity football team.

But to some people winning wasn't everything.

Coach Paul Bagwell said, "We were disappointed with our record, but extremely pleased with our effort."

The team only won one game against non-conference Erwin, a team which had been undefeated until playing the Falcons.

"Our defense played well all year. We have a lot of players who will be a big help on the varsity team next year," Bagwell said.

Many of the team members seemed disappointed, but they did have optimistic comments. Sophomore Jason Dowell said, "The season was tough and there were a lot of heartaches, but next year isn't too far away."

Freshman Stephen Hollamon seemed to share this view.

> "We are a young team with little experience, but we enjoyed playing and being a team. This season will prepare us for future seasons to come."
>
> — Shawn Skillman

"It was all pretty upsetting, but we will be back," he said. "And just because we weren't very good this year, doesn't mean that next year won't be 100 percent better. I hope the other teams realize that. I wish things had ended differently, but all in all it wasn't that bad of a season."

Coach Cliff Searcy said he enjoyed being able to coach the team.

"It was a pleasure to work with these young athletes. Their enthusiasm remained strong throughout some disappointing times" he said. "We discovered some really fine talent among these young players." ▼

Junior Varsity Football • 1-8

Junior Varsity Football

FIRST ROW: Josh Wasitowski, Shawn Skillman, Josh Pettit, Heang Uy, Jason Dowell, Stephen Hollamon, Keith Curtin SECOND ROW: Cam McLemore, Michael Helms, Anthony Gilliand, Tommy Cannon, Chris Clayton, Casey Manuel THIRD ROW: Chris Smith, Teddy Alutto, Jeff Branham, Brandon Keith, Bradley Johnston, Jerry Connelly, Bart Carter BACK ROW: Nolan Thompson, Brandon McGaha, Rodney Galloway, Steve Nyitrai, Josh Cannon, Eric Nettles, Scott Sams, Keith Norris.

16	A.C. Reynolds	22
0	Pisgah	7
22	Erwin	14
7	Brevard	19
20	Tuscola	34
14	Chase	26
6	North Henderson	7
7	Polk	18
0	East Henderson	7

Direction Change

As he carries the ball, Stephen Hollamon tries to avoid the Polk Central defenders. It was Hollamon's first year playing for the Falcons.

Making Ground

As the Polk game continues, freshman Stephen Hollamon blocks a Wolverine as sophomore Jason Dowell looks for an opening. West's junior varsity team lost the game, 7-18.

Drive Forward

Pushing his way through defenders, sophomore Jason Dowell drives the ball down field. The junior varsity played Polk at home.

Step Ahead

As they catch their strides, senior Blake Andrews and sophomore Ryan Kirkpatrick stick together for encouragement. Andrews and Kirkpatrick went on to be a part of the state championship team.

Get Ready

Before a meet, juniors Chris Morris and Ben Hill warm up. Stretching out was one of the most important elements in cross country.

Keep Up

During a meet at Enka, senior Shelley Barker and junior Cindy Moore race together. Many of the runners liked to help each other set a pace.

Two teams and their coach work together to become

STATE CHAMPS

It was Nov. 6. The state cross country meet had finished minutes before. The group huddled together in eager anticipation, waiting to hear which team came out as runner-up.

As Hayesville was announced, West Henderson's team members exploded. The announcement had just confirmed that the men's and women's cross country teams had both won state championships.

"It was one of the greatest feelings to know that all of the summer training and season training had paid off," junior Jeff Morris said.

The team members agreed that winning dual state titles was the high-point of their season.

Coach Greg Price said, "It was a wonderful and memorable experience. The runners are to be commended for their best effort all throughout the season."

> "It was hard work and it took discipline, but we made it through. Winning state was the most exciting thing that's happened to me in a long time."
>
> — Chris Morris

Three members of the men's team qualified for all-state recognition, junior Jeff Morris, junior Adam Wallen, and sophomore Ryan Kirkpatrick.

The women had two runners to qualify for all state, senior Amy Knox and sophomore Kelly Booth. Knox won her second individual state championship.

"The beginning of the season was difficult teamwise, but as the season came to a close, we all became closer than ever. Everyone knew that the team was there for them when they needed support," senior Blake Andrews said.

Knox, who won her first state title as a freshman, said, "This was definitely the best year for the team working together in all of my four years. We did wonderfully. We stuck it out and ran with all our hearts." ▼

Cross Country • Men 153-6 Women 124-7

Cross Country

FIRST ROW: Ben Grauer, Kelly Booth, Cindy Moore, Shelley Barker, Amy Knox, Emma Stanley, Jennifer Booth, Bryant Barnett SECOND ROW: Ryan Kirkpatrick, Jared Shelton, Chris Morris, Alex Weil, Danny Wilinski, Matt Cordell, Martin Johnson BACK ROW: Greg Price-coach, Sam Scarcy, Ray Wallen, Adam Wallen, Jeff Morris, Blake Andrews, Paul Larate, John Hancock

Men		Women
3rd	West Henderson Invitational	2nd
1st	A.C. Reynolds Invitational	1st
2nd	Lake Junaluska	2nd
2nd	Wendy's Invitational	4th
1st	Enka Invitational	1st
2nd	Asheville Invitational	2nd
1st	Conference Championship	1st
1st	Western 2-A Regionals	1st
1st	State Championship	1st

First-year coach and new players add up to a

FRESH START

The chances for a women's tennis team early in the school year seemed hopeless until first-year biology teacher Julianna Stout decided to take on the job.

After a coach was found, there were still problems. Most of the team was very young and consisted of first-time players.

"This was my first year playing on the tennis team. But I really enjoyed finally getting to play a sport I loved," senior Heather Arwe said. "We had a variety of personalities and age groups, which caused some conflicts within the team. Through this time of change we learned to communicate with each other and work out our problems. We developed strong friendships because of our small team."

With only two players returning, the majority of players on the team were new.

"The Lady Falcons finished 0-10, but one must consider there has been a new coach every year for the past three years, making a stable team impossible," Heather Landreth said.

"Just getting the opportunity to play made the season a success to me. Even when we lost, we won," senior Hannah Hobbie said.

The underclassmen are already looking forward to the next year.

"If we work together over the summer preparing for next season, we should definitely improve because we have the potential to be a very successful team," sophomore Wendi Bauman said.

"I really hope that the underclassmen practice hard and keep at it," team captain Karen Talley, a senior, said, "because I think that they have a lot of potential to be a winning team." ▼

> "I really hope that the underclassmen practice hard and keep at it because I think that they have a lot of potential to be a winning team."
>
> — KAREN TALLEY

Women's Tennis • 0-10

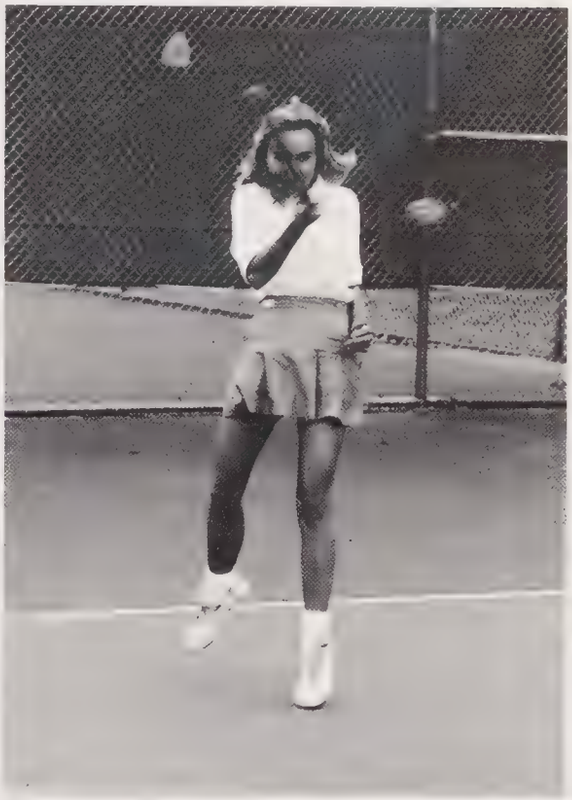
Women's Tennis

FIRST ROW: Heather Landreth, Heather Arwe, Stephanie Howard, Sue Carpenter, Wendi Bauman BACK ROW: Julianna Stout-coach, Karen Talley, Cindy McCarson, Rachel Payne.

2	Chase	7
0	Hendersonville	9
3	Polk	7
3	Chase	6
0	Hendersonville	9
3	Polk	7
3	Franklin	7
0	A. C. Reynolds	10
0	A. C. Reynolds	10
2	Franklin	7
0	T. C. Roberson	9

Body Language

Team captain Karen Talley, a senior, powers a forehand shot back across the net. The Lady Falcons finished the season 0-10.



Over Easy

Getting the ball over the net is junior Sue Carpenter's goal as she serves the ball.

Side Hit

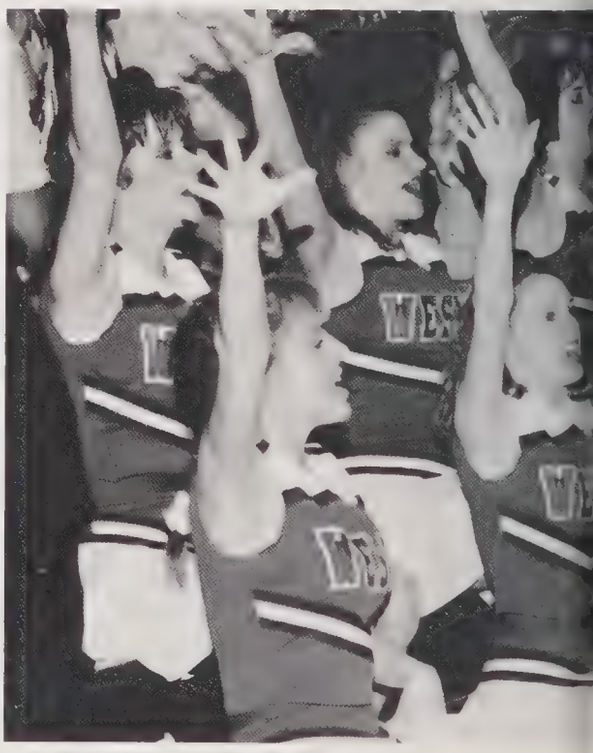
Scooping the ball off the line, senior Heather Arwe returns a ball to her Erwin opponent.

Cruisin' Main

During the annual Apple Festival Parade, the varsity cheerleaders hitch a ride. The cheerleaders represented the school in the parade.

Bad Call

At a game against Reynolds, cheerleader Jennifer Gash gives the referee a disapproving look. Cheerleaders, like the fans, could disagree with a call.



Crowd Pleaser

During a foul shot time-out, the varsity cheerleaders take the opportunity to pep up the crowd. The cheerleaders said that when the crowd doesn't cheer, they feel like they haven't done their job.

Cheerleaders work together to create a SUPPORT TEAM

Meeting cheerleaders from different teams and getting to know and get along with different people was an important result of the cheerleading seasons, team members said.

"I enjoy cheerleading; it is an experience that allows me to work with other people and personalities," junior Heather Burke, captain of the basketball squad, said.

While some people might not think of cheerleaders as athletes, in North Carolina cheerleading is an accredited high school sport.

"Cheerleaders are athletes just like any football player; it is hard work and sometimes I feel we don't get the respect of many individuals in the crowds. We try to get the crowds involved, but unfortunately sometimes the crowds don't respond. That makes us feel like our work's all for nothing," junior Kristin Sink said.

There was also a new addition to the cheerleading squad, Matt Boyer, a.k.a. "Boinger," who filled the role of the Falcon mascot during football season. He turned into the stunt builder during basketball season.

> "Cheerleading went by pretty quick this year. We didn't get to compete so I guess that really cut down on practice time, but we still worked hard."
>
> — Haley Mathews

"We need more guy cheerleaders like Matt so we can build and do more stunts because they have more strength. We didn't get to build many pyramids and do things up to our ability because of the size of our squad. Guys really increase the ability and flexibility of a squad's routine," junior Kelley Worley said.

"Hours and hours are put in. I believe that a strong athletic program can be built by people supporting the team, showing spirit, and attending the games. As cheerleaders, we try to promote this," junior Cati Patterson said. ▼

Varsity Cheerleaders

Varsity Football Cheerleaders

FIRST ROW: Jennifer Watts, Sarah Hyatt, Heather Burke SECOND ROW: Haley Mathews, Hope Huntley, Alison Planck, Amanda Pace, Amy Ellis BACK ROW: Kelley Maxwell, Jennifer Gash, Matt Boyer, Tina Willis, Raegan Harkey

Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders

Heather Burke, Jennifer Watts, Kelley Maxwell, Cati Patterson, Matt Boyer, Kristin Sink, Kelley Worley, Heather Thornton, Jennifer Gash

Junior varsity cheerleaders work hard to earn

RECOGNITION

One of the major sports of the fall and winter sports seasons might be forgotten if the participants did not work hard.

"Cheering is never accepted as a real sport in our school. People don't understand how hard it is to set up cheers and lines, and learn the cheers," sophomore Summer Stansell, co-captain, said.

Some junior varsity cheerleaders said they wished the cheerleaders would stand out more among the recognized sports.

"You always hear about football, basketball, and baseball, but you never hear about how the cheerleading squad did during their season. I wish we would be more recognized as a real sport," freshman Kristen Weaver said.

"People don't look at us as real athletes; that's when I like to tell those people just how much time and effort that we really put into our routines, cheers, and jumps. It's extremely hard work, but fun," sophomore Jamie Justus said.

The squad said they worked together to get things done and that closeness and trust were important to the team.

"You have to know each other very well — know what to expect. When one of us is on the top of the pyramid, we give them support," freshman Erin Driscoll said.

Sometimes, getting a response from the crowd, is a hard task.

"Most of the time, we were able to get a good response from the fans, but there are times when we struggle," sophomore Laura Alexander said. "Real far away games were the hardest on us because there were not always a lot of our school there, so the response goes down." ▼

> "Cheering is the most fun and rewarding when you are able to get the fans involved. I think it makes cheerleading a whole lot more fun."
>
> — Erin Driscoll

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders

JV Football Cheerleaders

FIRST ROW: Laura Alexander, Melissa Cook SECOND ROW: Sherry Pruitt, Shelley Knighten, Kristen Weaver, Kristy Clark, Melinda Heatherly BACK ROW: Crissy Eplee, Jamie Sams, Summer Stansell, Jamie Justus, Erin Driscoll

JV Basketball Cheerleaders

FIRST ROW: Shelley Knighten, Jamie Justus, Kristy Clark, Kristen Weaver, Erin Driscoll, Melinda Heatherly BACK ROW: Shellene Cannon, Jamie Sams, Summer Stansell, Laura Alexander, Crissy Eplee, Sherry Pruitt

Poms Up

In a game against Hendersonville, freshman Sherry Pruitt throws her arm up to show her enthusiasm. Because the cheerleaders were also athletes, they thought they should contribute to the school by supporting other teams.

Jump Around

As the game against Brevard comes to an end, freshman Melinda Heatherly claps her hands to get the crowd to cheer. Many of the cheerleaders thought that getting a crowd response was one of the hardest parts of the game.

Steppin' It

During a time out against rival Hendersonville, the junior varsity cheerleaders get an opportunity to show their routine.

Wrapped Up

Keeping his opponent on the mat, freshman Keith Curtin tries to gain another victory for the team. The Falcon wrestlers went on to defeat the Pisgah Bears 34-33.

Over Easy

Flipping his opponent over, sophomore Damon Blackley tries to force him to the mat. Blackley went on to win the match.

Calculating Move

The only member of the Falcon team to qualify for state, junior Rodney Morgan closely watches his opponent. Morgan won first place at the War Eagle Invitational.

Underclassmen and new coach show promise for a

BRIGHT FUTURE

Twenty minutes after midnight on Saturday, Feb. 12, junior Rodney Morgan left the mat at regional competition at Owen High School to become the only member of the Falcon wrestling team to qualify for state competition.

Due to weather problems, officials attempted to hold what had originally been planned as a two-day competition in a single day. This decision left many wrestlers competing well into the night and early hours of the morning, with the final competitors in the heavyweight division finally leaving the mat shortly before 3 a.m.

Besides being the only team member to qualify to advance to the state level, Rodney Morgan was also the only Falcon wrestler to return from the previous season. The remaining 12 spots on the team were filled with mostly freshmen and sophomores, some of whom had never wrestled before.

"Being the only returner, I felt I had to lead the team," Morgan said. "We should be in good shape for next year because we're young and we learn fast."

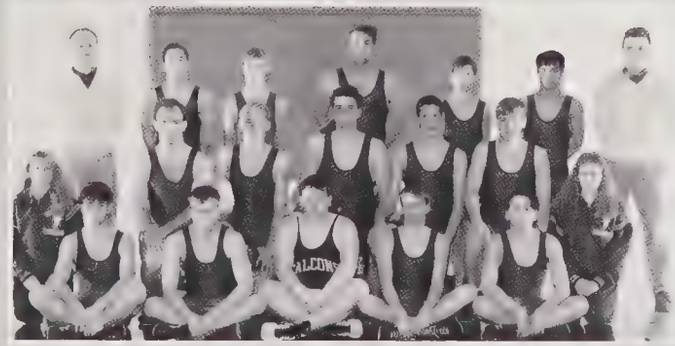
"With our nucleus here and a great bunch of athletes coming up from Rugby, I envision a state title as a team within the next few years," Josh Kirtley said.

The Falcons did not let inexperience or lack of physical strength keep them from learning. Coach Jeff Smith said their attitude toward their shortcomings was one of the team's real strong points.

"Overall, the guys were quick to pick up on things and learned quickly. They had a youthful hunger. They wanted to win and they wanted it bad," Smith said. ▼

> "The team had a great challenge ahead of us this season since we were such a young team. We worked hard. I feel that we will be much stronger next year."
>
> — Troy Williams

Wrestling • 6-4



Wrestling

FIRST ROW: Stephen Hollamon, Jerry Connelly, Roger Brown, Rodney Morgan, Troy Williams SECOND ROW: Misty Atkinson-manager, David Sapp, Josh Kirtley, Casey Manuel, Ray Wallen, Michael Connelly, Nicole Allison-statistician BACK ROW: Paul Whitaker-assistant coach, Richard Beighle, Keith Curtin, Andy Menchaca, Damon Blackley, Heang Uy, Jeff Smith-coach

57	Erwin	18
34	Pisgah	33
39	T. C. Roberson	33
30	Chase	40
40	A. C. Reynolds	36
0	Tuscola	62
12	North Henderson	55
47	Hendersonville	30
20	East Henderson	42
32	Polk	20

Experience and coaching create a team of

TOP PLAYERS

hot is the word some Falcon basketball players used to describe their conference-championship season in the new Apple Country Conference.

"This is one of the best seasons I've ever played in. We all bonded together and played to our full potential," junior guard Joey Bryson said.

Part of the credit for the team's success went to Coach Rick Wood, team members said.

"Coach Wood knows basketball. He teaches it well. He is one of the main reasons that we've gotten this far," senior Josh Wells said.

> "I am very proud and pleased with us and how we played. Dedication was a major part of it, as with all sports. You have to have your heart in it to go far, and we did."
> — **Jason Sherrill**

The Falcons said they were close as a team.

"Like in all teams, we've gotten close through the season. But, of course, we do have our bad moments. There have been a couple arguments, but overall, we're a good group," senior Ian Cross said.

Some of the players felt that playing well, good coaching, and hard practices helped to give them the "one big family" feeling.

The low point of the season was the team's away loss to East Henderson, team members said, but the Falcons won the rematch at the end of the season.

"Losing to East was really hard because we knew we had the potential and ability to beat them. It just slipped away. But we proved our potential in the East game at home, when we won," senior Neal Messer said.

Another thing the players agreed on was that one high point of the season defeating Asheville in the Christmas tournament.

"Beating Asheville was great. That was one of the goals of our season. It was wonderful," junior Jason Corn said. ▼

Men's Varsity Basketball • 24-4

Men's Varsity Basketball

FIRST ROW: Josh Wells, Neal Messer, Jason Corn, Josh Guffey, Zack Huntley, Luke Manuel, Ian Cross, Steven Lapsley-trainer SECOND ROW: Rebekah Kaylor-manager, Joyelle Lively-official scorer, Tim Sanders, Jason Sherrill, Joey Bryson, Rudi Fann, Brett Maltby, Ronnie Coren, Roy Benson-manager BACK ROW: Curt Moore-assistant coach, Rick Wood-coach

70	North Buncombe	51
70	Pisgah	54
64	T. C. Roberson	53
67	Hiwassee Dam	60
66	A. C. Reynolds	65
60	Erwin	58
64	Asheville	61
54	Daniel	71
64	Tuscola	39
52	Brevard	50
70	Pisgah	64
83	Chase	70
87	North	58
58	Hendersonville	48
66	Polk	48
80	East Henderson	88
42	Brevard	41
77	A. C. Reynolds	78
72	T. C. Roberson	52
73	Chase	58
67	North Henderson	52
77	Hendersonville	63
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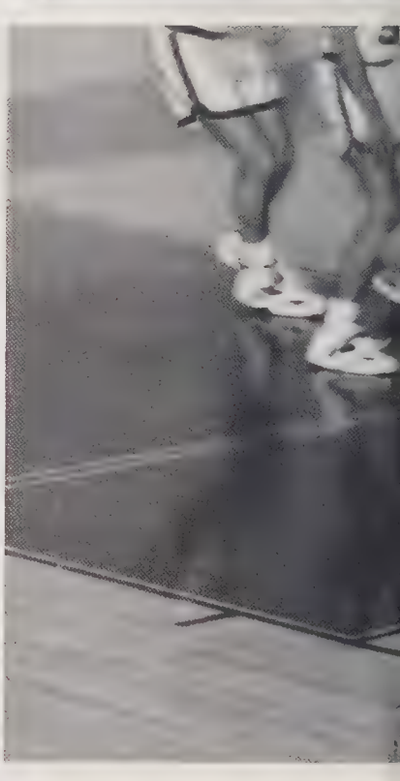
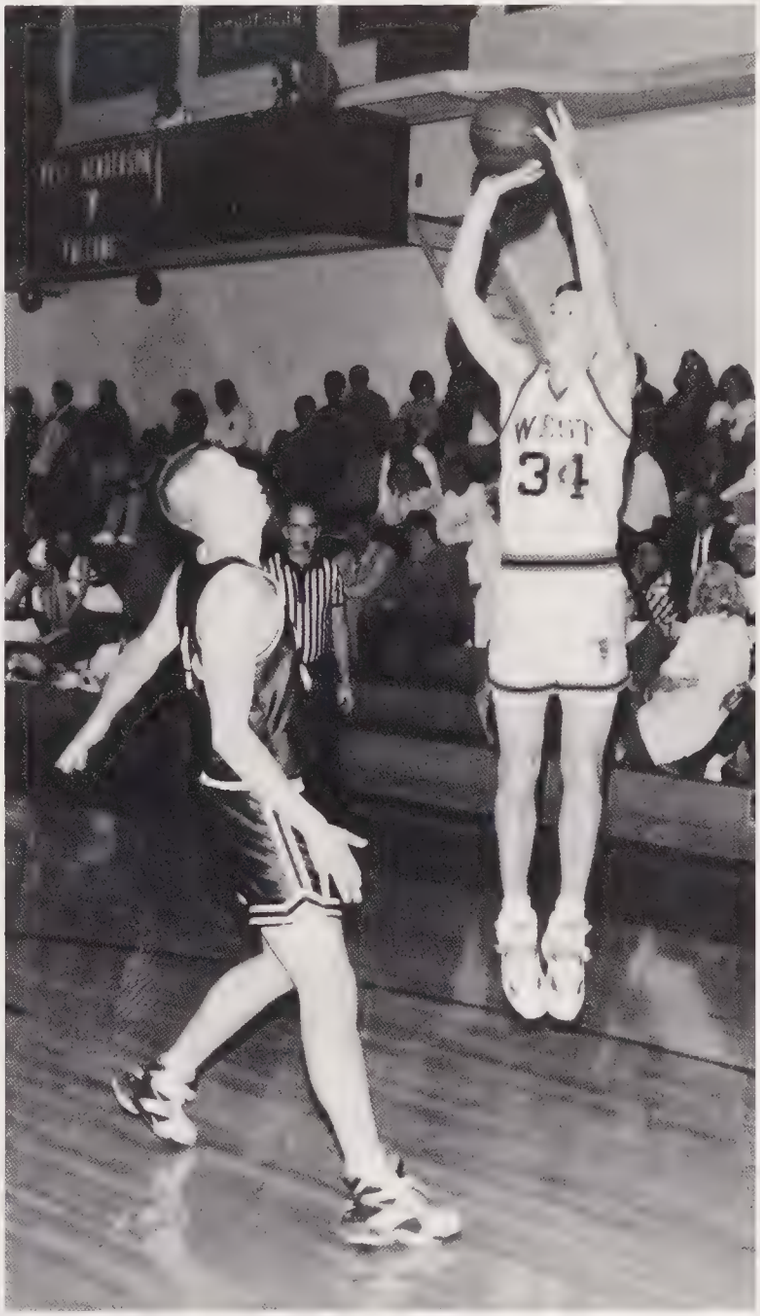


Get Back

Going in for a lay-up during a home game against T. C. Roberson, senior Jason Sherrill scores two. West defeated the Rams, 64-53.

Jump Up

Shooting over the heads of the opposing team, junior Joey Bryson sets up for two. Bryson said offense was easier for him than defense.



Stare Down

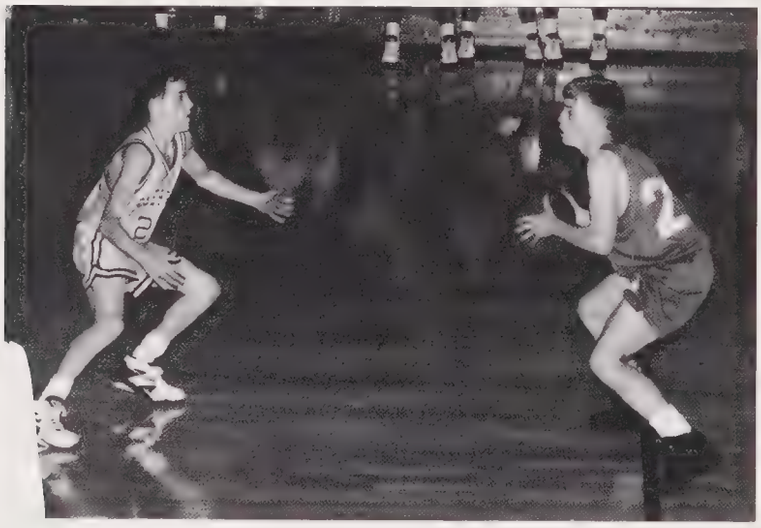
As a T. C. Roberson opponent tries to get around, senior Josh Guffey stays with him. The players agreed that a strong defense was an important factor in a successful game.

Take Action

A lay-up is sophomore Ryan Rector's goal as he works to get by a T. C. Roberson player. It was Rector's first year of playing for the Falcons.

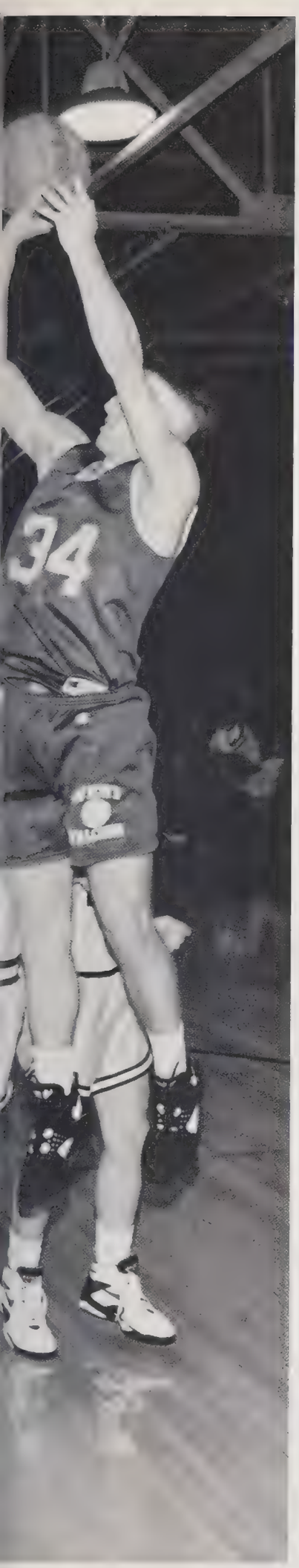
Jump Start

Shooting above the head of an opposing team member, Daniel Britain scores two points. The Falcons defeated T. C. Roberson at home, 57-54.



Lead On

Looking to pass, point guard Wesley King works to avoid a T. C. Roberson defender. King was a sophomore member of the junior varsity basketball team.



Freshmen and sophomores make the transition to the

NEXT LEVEL

talent on the floor and on the bench proved to be an important factor in the men's junior varsity basketball season, team members said.

"I think that we were not only good on the floor, but we had talent on the bench also. That's one of the good things about our team." sophomore Jeremiah Guffey said.

Since it was the first year ninth-graders played and the eleventh-graders all got moved up to varsity, the team was young. It was the first year for all players to play at the high school level.

There were a few set backs due to two injuries.

"We lost Jeremy Chrisman for a couple of games, and we didn't have Mark Sherrill for half the season," freshman Josh Pettit said.

The other setback was the loss of Tim LeRoy, who was moved up to the varsity squad.

"The high point of my season was being moved up to varsity for some of the games during the season and the playoffs," LeRoy said.

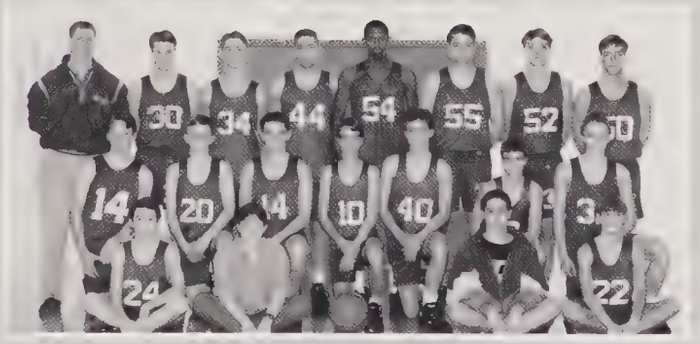
> "We did well. We might not have won every game, but our hearts were in it. We have tremendous talent, and I can't wait until next year."
>
> — **Wesley King**

Also for the the first time the junior varsity men had to compete for fans with the varsity women's team. Most of the games played at home were played at the same time as the varsity women in different gyms. "There weren't a lot of students at every game, but the cheerleaders and parents were always there to support and cheer us on," said freshman Jason Clark said.

Mark Sherrill, sophomore, said, "We got along well because we think alike and basketball bonds us."

"We all have a good sportsmanship attitude toward the game," Ryan Rector said. ▼

Men's JV Basketball • 16-6



Men's JV Basketball

FIRST ROW: Matt Cordell, Billy Matthews-manager, Shawn Skillman, Kyle Barker SECOND ROW: Jason Morrow, Wesley King, Michael Helms, Jason Clark, Scott Galloway, Josh Pettit, Jeremiah Guffey BACK ROW: Jim Hyatt-coach, Jeremy Neal, Daniel Brittain, Mark Sherrill, Gabe Hogan, Tim Leroy, Jeremy Chrisman, Ryan Rector

40	North Buncombe	26
65	Pisgah	35
57	T. C. Roberson	54
50	A. C. Reynolds	61
45	Hiwassee Dam	46
52	Pisgah	32
35	Chase	46
75	North Henderson	60
54	Hendersonville	47
66	Polk	47
64	East Henderson	58
65	Brevard	57
67	A. C. Reynolds	39
42	T. C. Roberson	45
48	Chase	58
57	North Henderson	20
65	Hendersonville	57
73	Polk	31
56	East Henderson	43
53	Hendersonville	58

Injuries and inexperience give Lady Falcons a

CHALLENGE

"We were a strong team, and I believe we showed just that on the basketball court," freshman Tiffany White said.

The Lady Falcons' started out strong but then faced injuries to key players. Sophomore Misti Capps fell victim to a bad knee and had to have surgery. The same fate was met by team captain Heidi Parker.

"I felt so frustrated to have to sit on the bench the last half of my senior year. This was my last chance, but my injuries were just too severe to go on," Parker said.

The underclassmen had to step up to fill in.

"Many younger underclassmen players had to step up and fill in for our injuries. I think the team was just really working well together, and we adjusted well to our losses," Coach Jan Stanley said.

> "I thought that the basketball season was very exciting and I'm looking forward to next year. We will be a better team by then."
>
> — Tamara Stewart

The Lady Falcons felt challenged to prove they could still win after the injuries to Parker and Capps.

"Many teams thought they would just run all over us because we had some downfalls. I believe they were surprised," junior Christa Childers said.

There were also high points during the season. The Lady Falcons claimed second place in the Apple Country Conference and made the playoffs.

"Our Christmas tournament was the high point of our season. Everyone gave 110 percent. We had fun and we played as a team," junior Laura Moore said.

Younger players did not necessarily mean inexperience for the Lady Falcons. The underclassmen had completed at least two years playing basketball at the junior high level. ▼

Women's Varsity Basketball • 15-11

Women's Varsity Basketball

FIRST ROW: Misti Capps, Cindy Moore, Heidi Parker, Cindy Moore BACK ROW: Cathy Corliss-coach, Sally Campbell-coach, Jan Stanley-head coach, Meredith Moore, Tiffany White, Tamara Stewart, Laura Moore, Amy Brock, Courtney Skillman, Joyelle Lively-statistician, Michelle Perry-manager, Andy Pennock-manager

48	North Buncombe	51
55	Pisgah	67
55	T. C. Roberson	34
62	Hiwassee Dam	57
49	A. C. Reynolds	53
52	East Rutherford	42
59	North Laurel	50
53	Tuscola	68
48	Brevard	33
38	Pisgah	54
46	Chase	43
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58	Chase	39
47	North Henderson	57
47	Hendersonville	53
45	Polk	36
60	East Henderson	41
57	East Henderson	64
53	Charlotte Catholic	44
46	North Henderson	56

Rim Shot

While being closely guarded, senior Cindy Moore shoots from the side. The Lady Falcons went on to win in overtime against the Lady Rams.

Heads Up

Jumping for a rebound, Tiffany White goes after the ball. White was the only freshman to play on the Lady Falcons varsity team.

Quick Shot

As the whistle blows, junior Tamara Stewart takes a last-second shot. The shot didn't count because a time-out had been called.

Tight Defense

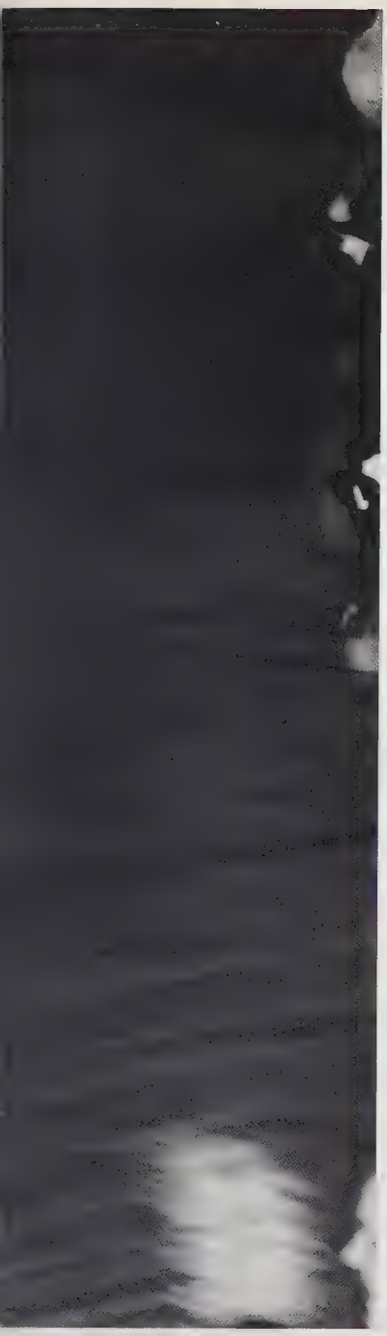
During a home game against T. C. Roberson, freshman Danna Neely tries to shut down the Lady Rams' offense. The JV Lady Falcons lost 47-52.

Lift Off

At the penalty stripe, Altavise Franklin takes her foul shots. The team agreed that foul shots were easy points.

Good Offense

While dribbling the ball, freshman Ashley Johnson looks for a teammate to pass it to. West defeated T. C. Roberson 47 to 41.



Learning and improving show the team is GROWING UP

When the season began, things did not go exactly as planned for the women's junior varsity basketball team.

After rising above what freshman Kasey Case called "our slump" the team pulled together and began to improve, finishing with an overall record of 14-6, and a Apple Country Conference record of 7-1. The team won the ACC championship.

"I feel the high point of the season took place from the middle to end. We really came together to improve in many different ways and came away being first in the conference," freshman team member Jessica Guffey said.

> "Playing JV basketball this year for my first high school season gave me the confidence in my abilities to prepare me for the next season."
>
> — Wendy Bauman

One factor which may have aided the team's progress was the presence of their former coach, Cathy Corliss, who had previously coached the ninth-grade team at Rugby. Corliss was one of the several teachers who came from the junior high to teach the freshman class.

"I am proud of how the team played and stuck together with the determination to win and play hard," Corliss said.

"I was excited about coming to West, and I think that having the same coach for the past couple of years has been a big factor in contributing to the success of our season," freshman Kelly Wozniak said.

"Overall, I feel the team gets along well, especially on the court. There were some conflicts that arose during the season but they were resolved and I feel the team is stronger and closer as a result," freshman starter Danna Neely said.

"With such a good season it would seem impossible to have a better team, but with only two sophomores next year's season looks to be a successful one as well," Jenny Simpson said. ▼

Women's JV Basketball •14-6

JV Women's Basketball

FIRST ROW: Nicole Young-manager, Connie Kinsland-statistician, Jill Smith-manager, Julie Rousell-statistician SECOND ROW: Wendy Bauman, Danna Neely, Ashley Johnson, Leann Hadden, Jessica Guffey BACK ROW: Kacey Case, Shara Andrews-manager, Teyuanna Darity, Jenny Simpson, Kelly Wozniak, Altavise Franklin, Cathy Corliss-coach

13	North Buncombe	21
22	Pisgah	21
47	T. C. Roberson	52
26	Reynolds	46
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52	Hendersonville	30
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43	East Henderson	42

New interest and hard work produce a

BIG SPLASH

Swim team members found a new level of success as they swam for their third coach in three years, first-year teacher Curtis Cagle.

Before the season started, the team had never won a meet.

Sophomore Emily Hudson said, "Swimming was great. Sometimes it got outweighed by other sports, like football and basketball, but to those of us who swam, it was very important."

The swimmers said they liked their sport, even though it was a difficult sport to compete in.

"When you swim it gives you a feeling that's hard to describe. You're so proud of yourself and your teammates," junior Stacy Allen said.

The swimmers agreed that the sport brought them closer together as a team.

"The swim team seemed to me like a big family. We had our conflicts, but all in all we were very close," senior Trevor Laughter said.

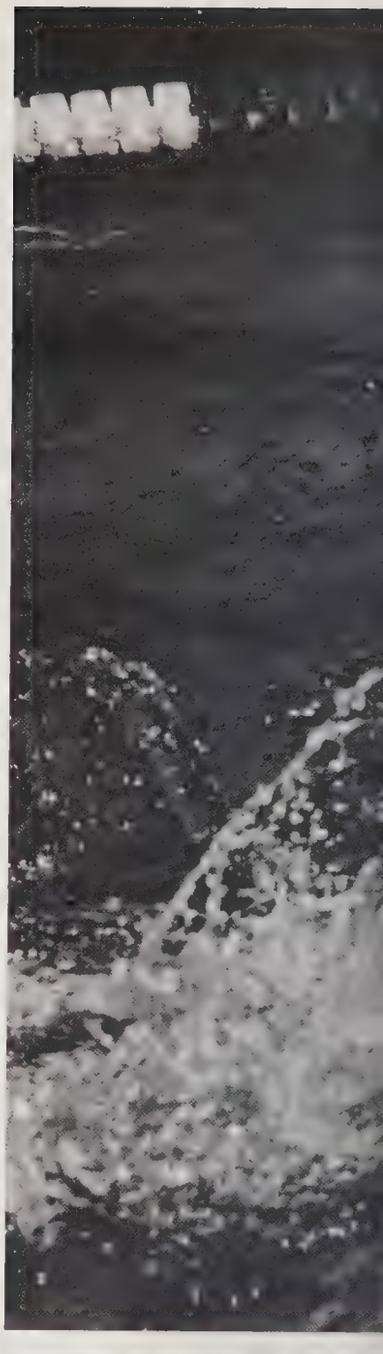
The men's team won its second conference championship, but the first in the new Apple Country Conference. The women's team finished second in the ACC.

"For me, the low point of the swimming season was when the girls didn't win conference," senior Donnie Dubrock said.

"My high point of the season was when the guys won conference," Laughter said. "It gave me such a wonderful feeling. I'm sorry the girls couldn't have been as fortunate as us. They each have wonderful talent."

Dubrock said, "It would help the swimming team a lot if we had our own pool and equipment." ▼

> "As my first year on the swim team, I learned a lot about myself and being part of a team. I'm very pleased with the success of the team and individuals."
>
> — **Adam Wallen**



Swimming

Swimming

FIRST ROW: Amanda Pace, Jennifer Booth, Stacy Allen, Alisha Corn, Kelley Booth, Laila Watson, Danny Wilinski SECOND ROW: Karla Porter, Sherry Pruitt, Jessica Trammel, Emily Hudson, Craig Hensley, Blake Andrews, Donnie Dubrock, Mike Deagan, Karen Coachman, Chris Smith, Sam Watson THIRD ROW: Trevor Laughter, Carmela Blankenship, Tony Rickman, Bryan Porter BACK ROW: Adam Wallen, Paul Walrath, Angela Moore, Shelley Barker, Lucy Gilliand, Bret Hartzog, Jeff Morris, Curtis Cagle-coach

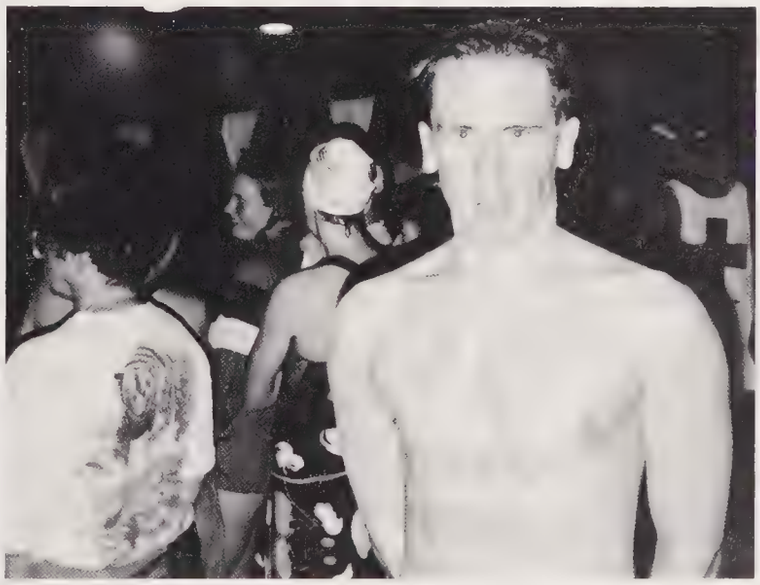
Men		Women
3rd	East Henderson Invitational	2nd
1st	North Buncombe Invitational	1st
2nd	Brevard Invitational	1st
4th	T. C. Roberson Invitational	4th
2nd	West Henderson Invitational	2nd
2nd	Christ School	1st
1st	Christ School	1st
1st	ACC Conference Championship	2nd
2nd	T. C. Roberson Invitational	2nd
18th	State Regionals	12th

Fresh Air

Stroking down the pool, Craig Hensley competes in the 500-meter freestyle. The team agreed that the 500-meter freestyle was one of the hardest events.

Staying Afloat

Stroking the 200-meter freestyle came easy for freshman Lucy Gilliand at the Apple Country Conference meet.



Friendly Competition

Showing off his team spirit, senior Trevor Laughter waits by the pool during the conference championships.

Batter Up

Waiting to bat, Ryan Rector swings to practice. Rector was a sophomore who got moved up to the varsity team.

Wind Up

Getting ready to pitch the ball, senior Jesse Blankenship practices for his final high school season. Blankenship played baseball throughout high school.

Ground Ball

Keeping his eyes on the ball, senior catcher Josh Merrell plays outfield to set an example for younger players. Many of the upperclassmen players showed the younger ones new tricks.

Competing at a new level, the baseball team gives its

BEST SHOT

The Falcons, former 3-A state baseball champions, had to step down to the 2-A level with the realignment of the Apple Country Conference.

The players and coaches wondered how the change would affect their ability to compete.

Coach Jim Hyatt said, "I hoped that the team wouldn't drop in either expectations or play."

The Falcons' opponents weren't entirely different.

"We played some of the same people, like East Henderson who were in 3-A competition with us before," Hyatt said.

"It is unrealistic to expect us to automatically be champs because we went down a level in conference," Hyatt said. "We will, however, continue to play our best, which is pretty good in 3-A. We will not lower our standards. There are still a lot of good teams in 2-A; it's not like it will be easy. If you start thinking like you're a big fish in a little pond, you'll be put in your place in no time."

> "Even though we were moving down to the 2-A level, it would still take hard work and a long ride to the top to become the state champs."
>
> — Ryan Rector

The baseball players had views similar to their coach's.

Senior Josh Merrell said, "Moving down won't affect our competition level because teams in 2-A are just as good or better than teams in 3-A. Just because they have bigger schools doesn't make the 3-A better teams."

Marc Whittemore, a junior, also had confidence in the performance of the baseball team. "It's not who you play, it's how you play that matters most."

The team seemed to agree that moving from 3-A to 2-A in classification would not require the baseball team to adjust. ▼

Baseball

Baseball

FIRST ROW: Manny Leclercq, Drew Reis, Jason Clark, Scott Silvers, Kyle Barker, Steve Nyitrai SECOND ROW: Marc Whittemore, Scott Galloway, Wesley King, Jeremiah Guffey. Brent Davis, Brandon Parker, Greg Sanders, Josh Merrell BACK ROW: Jim Hyatt-coach, Casey Manuel, Jeremy Wist, Brentley Laughter, Erik Chuprevich, Jesse Blankenship, Matthew Drown, Michael Connelly, Jerry Hill

With basketball playoffs, softball team copes with a

LATE START

A new coach and a late start greeted players on their first day of softball practice. The late start was due to the basketball playoff season.

"We had a late start, probably off by about two weeks or so, because of the basketball playoffs. I don't think this had any bearing on our season," junior Carrie Cox said.

The season opener was just five days after the softball tryouts had begun.

"We weren't as prepared as we should've been, but we were ready to play our game," sophomore Jenny Simpson said.

New high school coach Cathy Corliss was definitely not new to the game. Corliss came to West from Rugby as a physical education and health teacher for the ninth-graders.

"I liked Coach Corliss a lot, and I'm glad we got her because she has a lot of fire and motivation. She pushed us to our physical limits," senior Joyelle Lively said.

Some of the players thought it was an advantage that the same coach they had at the junior high level was also their coach at the high school level.

"I believe it's a positive aspect to have known some of the players for up to five years. This helps myself and the team because the more a team knows itself the more it runs like clockwork," Corliss said.

With the addition of freshmen, a new coach, and a late start, the season seemed all uphill for the Lady Falcons.

"We definitely had two things heading in the right direction for us — our motivation and our potential. We had to have these things in order to overcome our adversities," senior Teresa Moore said. ▼

> "Softball was a very competitive sport. You had to give it everything you had. I had fun playing softball because I liked it. I look forward to it every year."
>
> — Carrie Cox

Softball

Softball

FIRST ROW: Jenny Simpson, Sally Pressley, Altavise Franklin, Amy Brock, Carrie Cow SECOND ROW: Shawn Parton, Courtney Skillman, Wendy Bauman, Kristen Weaver, Danna Neely, Michelle Perry BACK ROW: Cathy Corliss-coach, Cindy Moore, Hannah Robinson, Stephanie Summey, Julie Connelly, Joyelle Lively, Teresa Moore, Jenny Swofford, Misty Capps-manager

Sling Shot

Hurling the ball back to the infield, senior Jenny Swofford practices after school. Swofford played as an outfielder for the Lady Falcons.

Blooper Scooper

Moving on impulse to catch stray balls, senior Julie Connelly puts her glove on the ground. The team sgreed that bouncing balls were the hardest to catch.

Lawn Sweep

Scooping the ball off the ground, sophomore Jenny Simpson perfects her skill. Simpson said that most "grounders" were critical catches.

Aim High

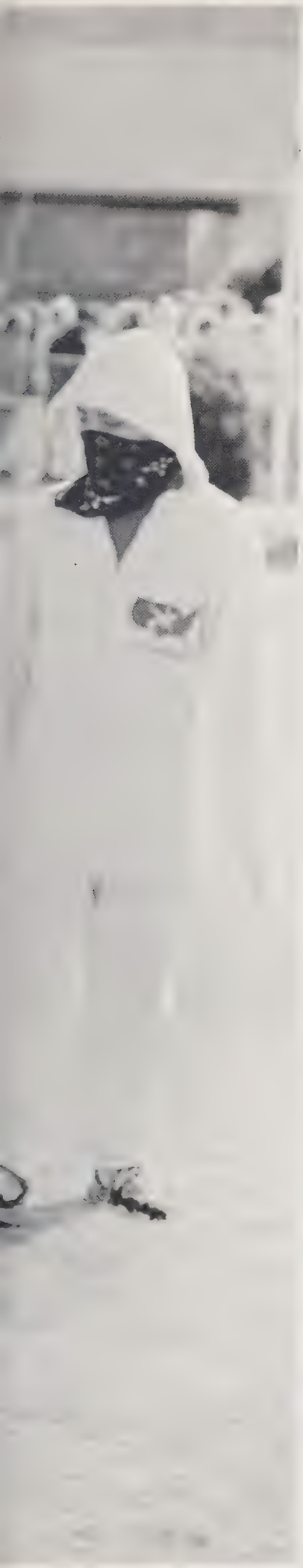
At a chilly early season practice, sophomore Troy Williams works on the pole vault. Williams also played on the soccer team.

Get Set

To work on his sprints, junior Sean Illgen practices using the starting block. Team members had to dress warmly to combat the chilly weather.

Pack Leaders

Brothers Adam and Ray Wallen practice their long distance running on a March afternoon. Both Wallens finished in the top 10 at the cross country state championships in the fall.



State champion runners join field event participants to be

COMPETITIVE

We were a much deeper team this year. We had 45 out for track with a really good nucleus of veterans," men's track coach Greg Price said.

The increased interest in men's track proved to be an asset to the team.

In the fall the cross country team had finished the season with a state championship. Some of the runners on the cross country team returned in the spring for track.

"Cross country made the level of intensity much higher. And with their state experience the cross country runners were the leaders for the team," Price said.

"We wanted to repeat the success of the cross country team in track. It gave us a higher goal to shoot for," sophomore Paul Larate said.

Being on the track team required perseverance and dedication. The team practiced every-day after school regardless of the weather in the hope that hard work would eventually pay off.

"Anytime you work as hard as we did you only get better," junior Sam Searcy said.

The team's main strengths were distance running and pole vault. The main weaknesses were sprints and some field events.

> "Track is a hard, competitive sport but a lot of fun. Our team got along well and we seemed to grow closer as the season progressed."
>
> — Richard Beighle

Track was as much an individual sport as it was a team sport. Sophomore Heang Uy said, "The team supports each other and without everyone on the team's contributions towards points the team could never be successful."

Track was also one of the most competitive sports because of how hard the runners had to train and condition themselves. "Track is competitive because it's me and my ability trying to beat someone else. No help, no excuse, winner takes all," Uy said.

Men's Track

Men's Track

FIRST ROW: Ryan Kirkpatrick, Heang Uy, Damon Blackley, Bryant Barnette, Jesse Wilinski, Sam Searcy SECOND ROW: Alex Weil, Matt Cordell, Danny Wilinski, Blake Andrews, Adam Wallen, Ray Wallen, Paul Larate, Mike Eder THIRD ROW: Scott Sams, Sean Illgen, Richard Beighle, Josh Simpson, Mark Sherrill, Bobby Franklin, Chris Morris BACK ROW: Tony Rickman, Jon Israel, Troy Williams, Jason Redick, Mike Jacobsen, Chris Guill, Steven Helms, Chad Maltby, Ben Hill

Women's track team counts on talent, not

PAST SUCCESS

The women's track team included a few of the state champion cross country runners. These runners provided a nucleus for the team.

Kelly Booth, a sophomore cross country and track runner, said, "I ran cross country, and I think that many of the cross country runners have reassured confidence in their running abilities because of our victory at the state championship."

The team members had a positive attitude about the season.

Team member Jennifer Booth expressed the team's spirit when she said, "I believe that we have a great track team this year, and with determination, hard work, and teamwork, we have a good possibility of winning a state championship."

> "It was encouraging to know that we had very successful runners on the team and others who had the ability to be successful as well."
>
> — **Kelly Booth**

Coach Sally Campbell said, "I hope the leadership and talent from cross country carry over into track. Right now these girls are giving me a 110 percent. They do everything that I ask of them and more."

The cross country achievements could not help or apply to the entire team.

Senior Amanda Watkins said, "The girls that came from the cross country team helped us, but track members that sprint and do field events have to put their confidence in themselves. We're not riding on the previous victories, but only on the talent of every member of the team."

"People were willing to really put their hearts into it. Coach Campbell pushed us to be the best we could be, as runners and individuals," Watkins said. ▼

Women's Track

Women's Track

FIRST ROW: Misty Creasman-manager, Amanda Watkins, Jill Smith, Faith Boyd, Karla Porter, Shanda Davis, Logan Pierce-manager SECOND ROW: Sally Campbell-coach, Heidi Parker-manager, Krista Meehan, Jennifer Booth, Emma Stanley, Alicia Corn, Amy Knox, Kelly Booth, Laila Watson, Chari Cutshaw-manager THIRD ROW: Amanda Pace, Lisa Drzewiecki, Stephanie Howard, Karen Coachman, Jennifer Sheffield, Jennifer Watts, Cindy Moore BACK ROW: Tiffany White, Christa Childers, Tamara Stewart, Laura Moore, Tracie Stewart

Push It

With an eye on the finish line, senior Amanda Watkins pushes herself to win. The women's track team often practiced before school and on Saturday mornings.

Speed Up

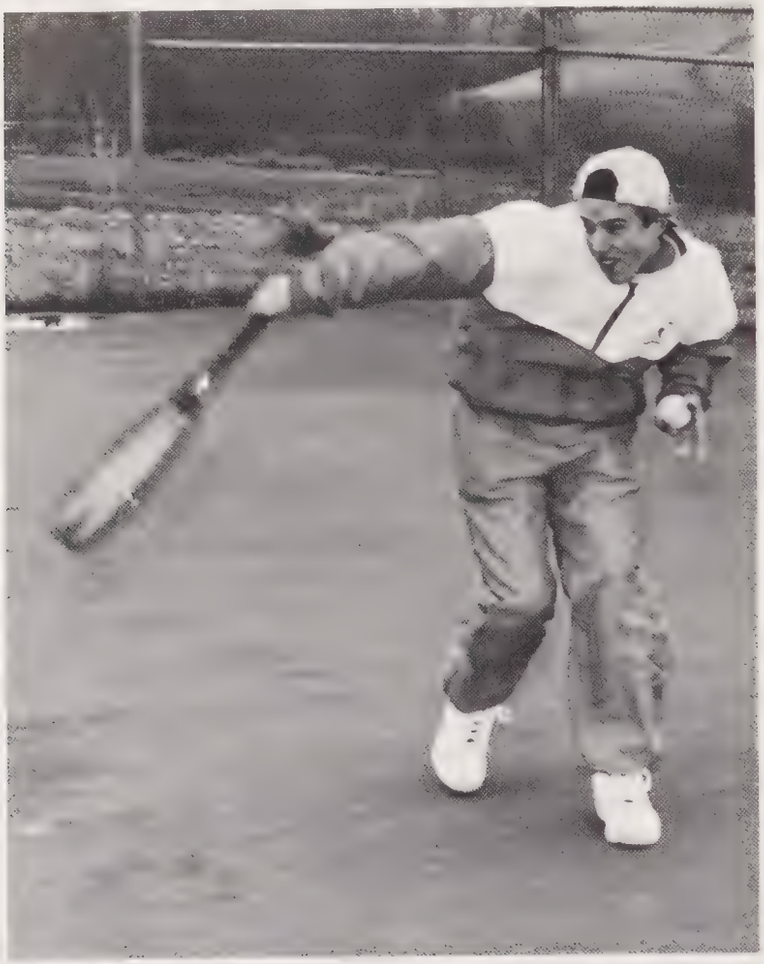
Headed into the turn, sprinter Stephanie Howard picks up speed. Howard, a junior, trained with the team to participate in the 250-meter run.

Stretch Out

During an afternoon practice, senior Amanda Pace stretches out before running. Track athletes were encouraged to stretch before running to prevent injuries.

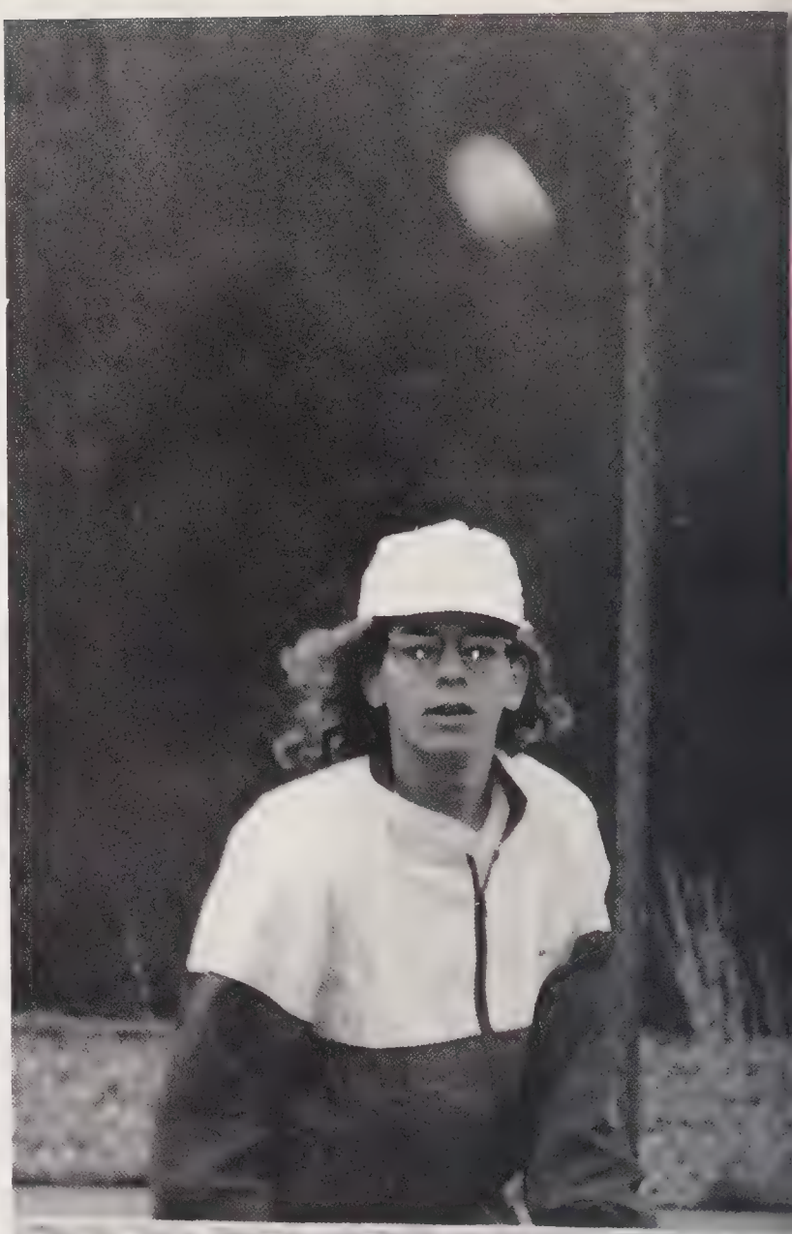
Slam This

Freshman Richard Waldrop warms up before a match at Enka. The Falcon's first competition of the season was played in snow flurries.



Center Court

Approaching the net, freshman Rob Ramirez prepares to volley. Ramirez also played on the tournament team at the Asheville Racquet Club.



Pep Talk

Before a scrimmage against Enka, tennis team members John Tillman, Jeff Doody, and Bryan Porter go over their rankings with Coach Julianna Stout. Porter was the team's number one seed.

First-year coach and young players have fun

SERVING ACES

Along with new freshmen and sophomore tennis players came a new coach, first-year teacher Julianna Stout. Stout had coached the women's tennis team in the fall.

Having a new coach was nothing new for the Falcon tennis team. Stout was the third tennis coach in three years.

"Having different coaches every year doesn't make for a good team. Hopefully, Ms. Stout is here to stay," junior John Tillman said.

Stout was the first woman coach for the men's team, but she did not think coaching the men was any tougher than coaching the women.

"It's actually easier. Guys aren't quite so emotional; when they get on the court, nothing else matters," Stout said.

Junior Jeff Doody was asked how he felt about having a woman coach. "I thought it was good that Ms. Stout was our coach. Some people say, 'A woman for a coach?' but the team really liked her. It built character."

Tennis did not attract as many spectators as some other sports, but Stout was optimistic tht its popularity would increase.

> "Tennis is great. It gives you such a wonderful feeling when you hit the ball and the competitor misses. I play because I really enjoy it"
>
> — JOHN TILLMAN

"I think if we had more people come out for tennis we would have a larger choice in players and skill levels. I am trying to build a tennis program, but it's hard to do when you usually lose half your team to graduation. I would like to see more freshmen and sophomores come out for tennis. So far tennis at West hasn't been able to compete with the other sports for the talented athletes we have."

Sophomore Bryan Porter played as the number one seed for the Falcons, followed by Jason Dennis, Rob Anderson, Rob Ramirez, and Richard Waldrop. ▼

Men's Tennis

Men's Tennis

FIRST ROW: Jason Dennis, Richard Waldrop, Bryan Porter, Brad Dobson, Julianna Stout-coach, Rachel Payne-manager BACK ROW: Wesley Plount, Jeff Doody, John Tillman, Rob Anderson, Rob Ramirez

Upperclassmen golfers make room for six

FRESHMEN

Did a team dominated by underclassmen have an advantage or a disadvantage? That was the question the golf team had to answer as six freshmen moved up to the high school.

"I think that if we didn't have the freshmen, we would be OK, but having them definitely made our team stronger," senior Rudi Fann said.

Sometimes when freshmen play on the same team as seniors, they feel extra pressure to do well.

Freshman Bradley Johnston said, "I didn't feel any pressure. They knew that we're not bad players, and they made us feel more comfortable."

> "At the high school level the competition was more intense and talented, and I believe it was a good learning experience to further prepare me for the future."
>
> — **Justin Wright**

As the season continued, the freshmen saw that they were treated fairly and with respect.

"After they noticed that we could actually play golf pretty well and weren't just out there to fool around, they gave us the proper respect we deserved," freshman Justin Wright said.

There were a few upperclassmen on the team.

"I think the freshmen made the season more challenging because there were more people to compete against," senior Scott Sharpe said.

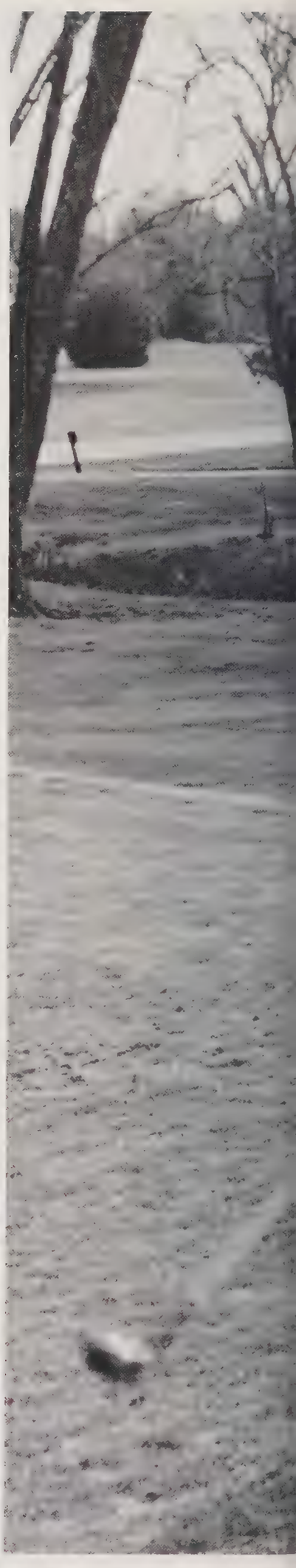
"I've played golf all three years at West, and I'm going to miss it. Golf is a sport that is sometimes overlooked, or said to be an "old man's sport," but it's extremely challenging," senior Robbie Goode said.

Coach Paul Bagwell summed up the season: "I'm going to miss the guys that are graduating. They are good guys with extreme ability. They got out there and tried their hardest. As for the underclassmen, they have some outstanding talent." ▼

Golf

Golf

FIRST ROW: Paul Bagwell-coach, David Lance, Bobby Orris, Kevin Clark, Justin Wright, Matt Harris, Bradley Johnston, Todd Eschenburg, Andy Stolen



Club Work

At an early-season golf practice, Todd Eschenburg works to perfect his swing. Eschenburg was one of several freshmen and sophomores to join the Falcon golf team.

Set Up

At a practice session at Etowah Country Club, senior Robbie Goode places his ball on the tee. Goode said he enjoyed playing golf for the team as well as in his spare time.

Movin' On

After playing a hole, senior Scott Sharpe picks up his ball to go on to the next hole. Sharpe played golf all three years at West.

Youth for Enviromental Sanity visited the campus in January to remind students that they are part of a much bigger picture than one school or even one community. However, in their daily lives some students had already proved

global impact

that they know how to make a difference in the real world. A number of students donated time to change lives through volunteer projects and others helped make the local economy stronger by working in area businesses.

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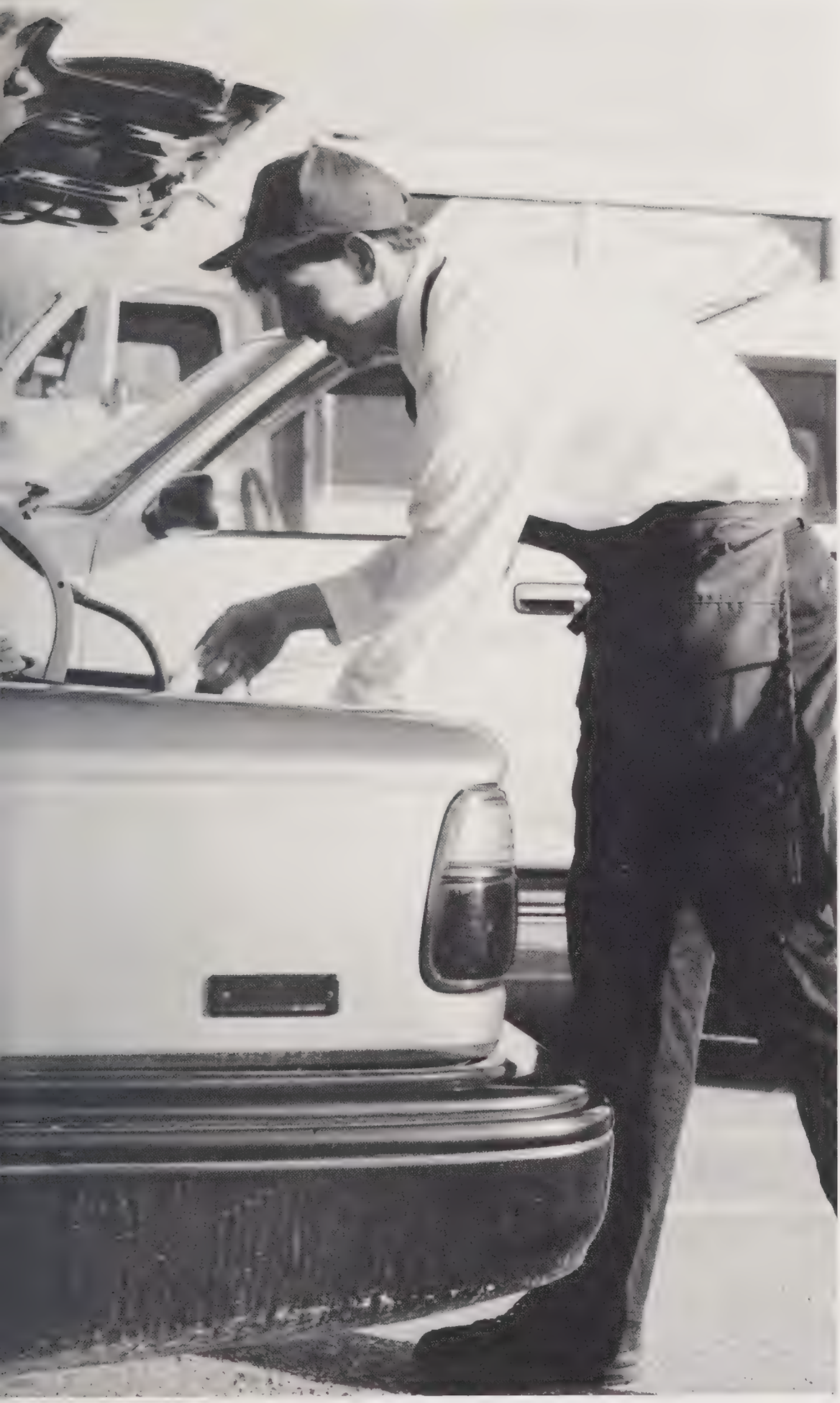
Community



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Carry Out

On one of the few sunny afternoons in January, senior Jason Brown helps one of the shoppers at Ingles in Laurel Park get her groceries to her car. Brown was just one of the many students who worked part-time after school and on the weekends.

Volunteering gives students experience

For the Future

a number of students demonstrated an interest in the welfare of their communities by volunteering their time to a variety of projects.

Community organizations opened the doors to welcome students who were willing to volunteer. These students gained experience while helping others.

Students had different reasons for volunteering. "Volunteering makes me feel good about myself. I like to be involved," said Karen Talley, a senior student volunteer with Health Occupations Students of America. "It gives me experience in working with a lot of different people."

Volunteering helped prepare students for a variety of future careers. Jenny Barthel, a volunteer at Thom's Rehabilitation Hospital, said, "I want to have a career in the medical field. Volunteering will help me because it gives me experience in this area. It also gives me experience in working with different people."

Students found that volunteering was a rewarding learning experience. Robbie Southern, a sophomore Eagle Scout, said, "Volunteering with Scouts has taught me a lot over the years. It's taught me leadership abilities, responsibility, patience, and, most of all, self-esteem. These things will help me in the future."

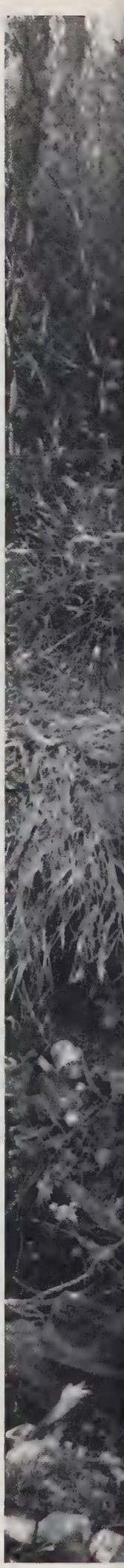
Freshman Jenny Allison, a volunteer at the Etowah Public Library, summed it up when she said, "When I volunteer, I make a lot of new friends. My volunteering has prepared me for the future, and it will look good on my scholarship and college applications." ▼

"It's not just learning leadership, and responsiblility, but the enjoyment of being with people your age."

— Robbie Southern

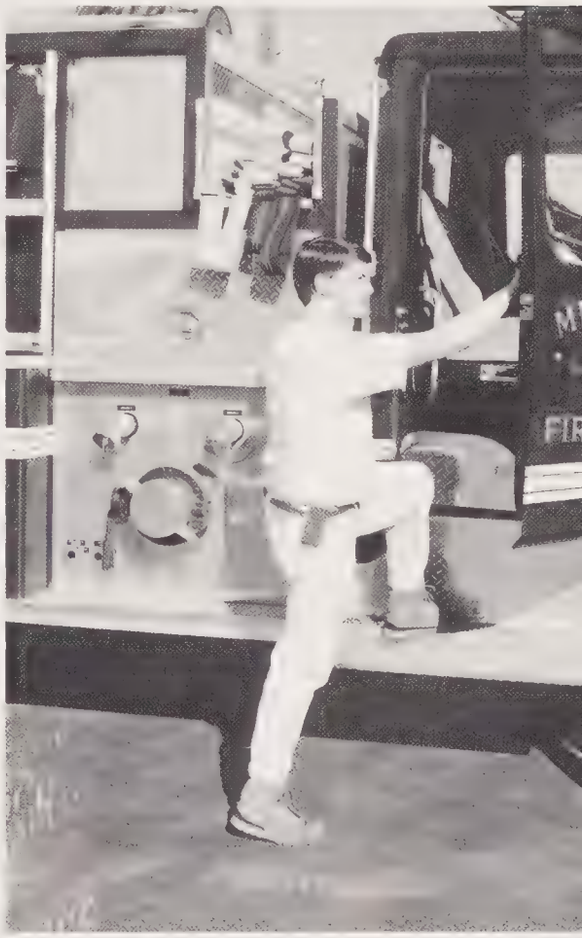
Clean Living

Using his knowledge of the outdoors, sophomore Robbie Southern sends a bag of litter across a river. Southern has been a volunteer Eagle Scout for a year.



Pick Up

Choosing his steps carefully, sophomore Andy Pennock moves down a hillside to clear it of debris. Pennock voluntarily cleans an area along side the French Broad River three times a year.



On Call

Stepping into a firetruck at the Mills River Volunteer Fire Department, senior Kurt Jensen wonders what crisis lies ahead. Jensen worked to complete the requirements to become a volunteer fireman.

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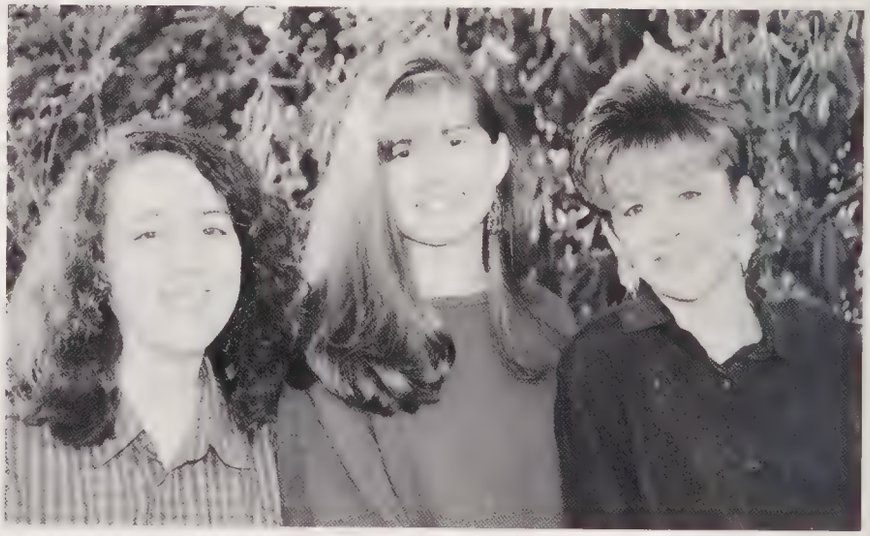

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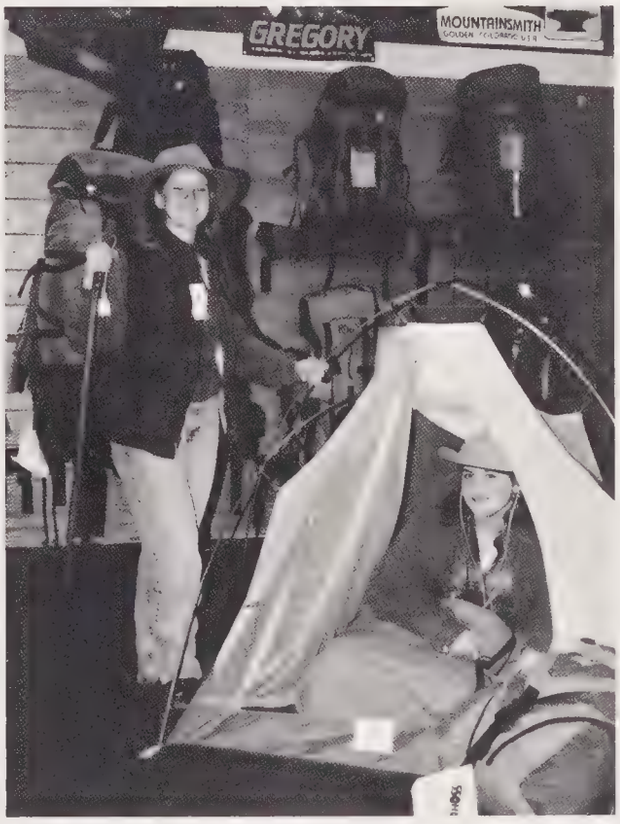

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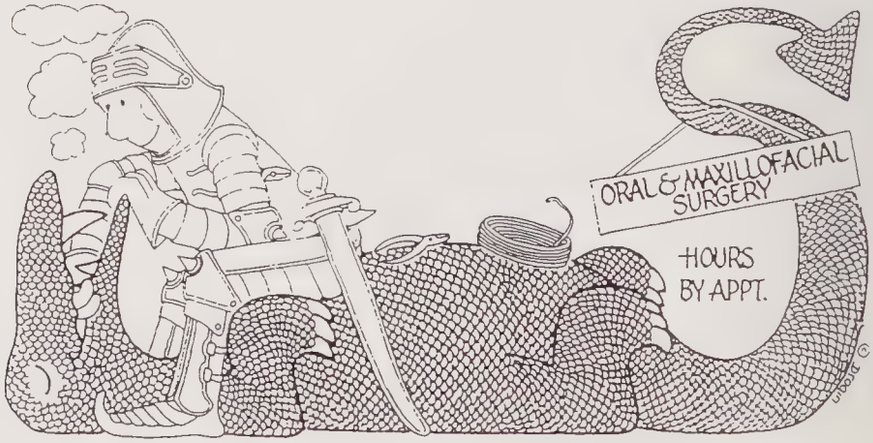

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Scott Brandon Sharpe

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Alison Joy Planck

You were brought into this world a beautiful little girl, born of love, who has grown into a beautiful, bright young woman. We have always been proud of you and will continue to support, love, and be here for you whenever you need us. Love, Dad, Mom, and Christina

Neal Messer

Whatever you visualize, you can achieve. Within you lies many gifts and abilities that God gave you alone. We are blessed to have such a wonderful son. You are a champion. We are so proud of who you have become. Love, Mom and Dad

James L. Lanning

We knew the first time we saw you, you were someone special. You've always been the perfect son. You're handsome on the outside, pure gold on the inside. Thank God for giving you to us. Thank you for being you. Love, Mom and Buddarow

Steven L. Lapsley

Over the past 17 years, you have overcome many obstacles with your character, integrity, and common sense. You are everything a parent could ever want in a son. We are all very proud to be your family. The future is yours! Mom, Dad, Chris, and Jon

Heidi Marie Parker

As you have traveled down life's road, you have realized that rewards come only to those who work hard. Continue your hard work and your rewards will be many. We love you and will always be here. Congratulations. Mom, Dad, Wendy, Nicole, and Caleb

Lisa Amanda Cherly Pace

We have watched you grow from an infant into a young lady. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and may God bless you. May you always seek God's will in your life. Love, Mom, Donald, Matthew, Mark, Tammy, and Grandma Stepp

Angie Willis

Angie, congratulations. I am very proud of you for completing this year. I know you have worked hard to finish this year. I wish you the best in the years to come. You're #1. Love, Mama, Tina, and Austin

Robert Stephen Goode Jr.

Rob, from the day you were born, you have filled our days with happiness, joy, and love. Your sensitive, caring, nature fills us with pride. We are proud of the man you have become. May God continue to bless and lead you. Love, Mom and Dad

Brandy Israel

Through the years we've watched you grow into a beautiful, successful young lady. No parent, grandparent, or brother could be prouder. You are the pride that glows in our eyes. Love, joy, and success from too many to name.

Josh Guffey

We always knew you would make it to the "big leagues." Watching you grow up and mature has been a joy to us. You're a very special young man. Wherever life takes you, we will always love you. Mom, Dad, Jeremiah, and Jessica

Kathryn E. Barba

You were a very welcome joy into our lives. We have watched you grow not only in your singing endeavors but also in Christ. You have proved several times over your love and understanding of others. We love you. Mom, Dad, John, Kayla, and Josh

Carrie Austin

Words alone can never express the joy and happiness you have brought us. We love you, and we're very proud of you. May God always be your guide and happiness always fill your life. Love, Mom and Dad

Amanda Carol Hooker

Don't let anyone think little of you because you are young. Be their ideal; let them follow the way you teach and live; be a pattern for them in your love, your faith, and your clean thoughts. (I Tim. 4:12) You are special! Love, Mom and Dad

Candice Cunningham

What joy that smile has brought into our lives! Remember our love and support is always with you — no matter how old you become! Thank you for being such a precious daughter. Love, Mama, Daddy, and Cory

Jessica Jones

Changing from a cute little girl into a lovely woman was just a matter of growing up for you, but for us it meant watching you mature and develop wonderful qualities. Special love and pride is felt when we say, "That's our daughter."

Amy Knox

You have a big heart and a keen sense of appreciation and understanding of others. Our lives have been blessed by your presence — your bubbly joy, energy, and love are an inspiration to us all. Dad, Mom, and Mike

Rene M. Grabiel

You stand on the verge of a great adventure, life. As you journey on, share your wit and wisdom, and the world will have received a gift as wonderful as I received, you. I love you very much. Mom

Misty Creasman

Misty, words cannot express the joy you bring to us. May you always walk with God. We are so proud of you. You were worth the wait. We love you, Daddy and Mama

Keith Lindsey

Keith, one of the happiest days of our lives was when you were born. Your life is a gift from God and what you make of it is your gift to Him. We love you and are proud of the fine young man you are. Love, Dad, Mom, and Karen

Renee Rankin

The most wonderful daughter and best friend a mother can have. You will always be to me. Mom

Kevin Driggers

Kevin, as you approach an exciting beginning in your life, please remember we are always there behind you, cheering you on in whatever you choose in life. We are so proud of you. Words cannot describe our love for you. We love you, son! Mom and Dad

Jason Dennis

All of your "Life Experiences" have made you a unique and special person — someone who is going to make a difference in this world. Keep your feet on solid ground and God in your life. We are SO proud! Love, Mom and Dad

Hannah Hobbie

We are very proud of you and thank you for the joy and happiness you have given us. Continue to strive for high ideals, be at peace with yourself, and remember that we will always love you. Love, Mom, Dad, and Dennis

Blake Andrews

"Blakester," so many people have told us that they hope their son or daughter turns out like you. We thank God for you and want you to know that you are our hero! The world is at your feet. Good luck, son. We love you. Mom, Dad, Jess, and Christine

Jodie Leigh Shaner

Lives have been made happier by the brightness of your smile. We're proud of the challenges you've accomplished and the friends you've made. We feel confident you will continue to make us proud being the beautiful young lady you've become. Love, Mom and Dad

Terry Alan Brackett

Alan, it seems as if only yesterday you began school — now you're a senior. We are very proud of you and hope all your future decisions are the right ones for a good life. Love, Dad, Mom, and Kevin

Teresa Denise Newman

You grew up right before our eyes. Your sweet childhood days are held forever within our hearts. You have brought such joy to us. Now, you are a beautiful, caring young lady whose childlike faith will make the future a bright one. God bless you always. Mom and Dad

Jennifer Michelle Swofford

You are a wonderful joy to us. We have watched with pride as you have matured, working to develop your talents, sharpening your skills, increasing your knowledge, and growing in the love for our Lord Jesus Christ. We love you. Mom and Dad.

Bobby Orris

You always have had the ability to put smiles on our faces. Don't ever change that special part of your personality. We have learned a lot about courage from you and are very proud of you. May God bless you with good health and happiness. We love you. Mom and Dad

Amy Carol Riley

Congratulations, Amy Love. When you were small, you had a sweet, warm smile for everyone. God has blessed me with a lovely, thoughtful daughter. I'm so proud of you. You deserve the best life has to offer. Love, Mom

Hannah Robinson

Hannah, I have watched you grow from this little girl into a beautiful young lady. I am so proud of what you have accomplished. You deserve all the good things in life. And remember you will always be my tootie and sunshine. Love, Mom and Nathan

Teresa Moore

You have overcome great obstacles to get this far. We knew you would make it. It is time for you to fly solo — but never alone. You have brought us so much love and joy through the years. Go get 'em girl! Love, Mama and Daddy

Shelley Barker

Winners are part of the answer, not part of the problem. Winners always have a plan, not an excuse. Winners believe it may be difficult but possible and never possible but too difficult. Never stop being a winner. With much love, Mama, Daddy, and Kyle

Samantha Enders

As we watched you grow to maturity, we've seen your sweet spirit grow even sweeter. We're very proud of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Jennifer Stolen

Your childhood years have gone by much too quickly. However, we know that success is in your future because you have the ability and determination to achieve it. We all love you, and we will always be here for you. Love, Dad, Mom, and Andy

Clay Brackett

Just to let you know we are very proud of you. Hope you find what you are looking for in life. We thank God for you and love you very much. Love, Mom, Dad, Danny, and Jeannette

Angie Michelle Brown

To our precious daughter, always remember to put the Lord first in your life because in Him you'll find no fault. He'll never leave nor forsake you. You'll always be our little girl. May God bless and keep you safe. Love, Mom and Dad

Jason Sherrill

To your "charming personality" at morn, to your "demure appetite" at noon, to your "fragrant work-out attire" at eve, to your appreciation of "fine music" at night. And now to your graduation — Jason, you did all right! Congratulations, pride, and love, Dad, Mom, Mark, and Julie

Ryan Whitted

You have been a charming and witty gift to us. Now, it is time to share you with the world. Please, remember, we are always your support team. Love, Dad, Mom, Lisl, and Patrick

Marque Gash

You are one of our "littlest" angels sent from heaven above. What a gift God gave us! Now we must let you spread your wings and fly. Soar high, our beautiful angel. Love, Mom, Dad, Jamey, and Lee

Karen Talley

Karen, you have set high goals and achieved much success through hard work and determination. You are a beautiful, loving person, and we are proud to be your parents. Love, Mom and Dad

Matt Davio

Keep your sense of humor, remain strong in your faith in God, and you'll be able to accomplish anything. You are a wonderful gift, and we love you very much. Phil. 4:11-13. Mom, Dad, and Kevin

Amy Diane Gardener

Our little girl "Amy Do" — seems like a long time ago, yet it was only yesterday. A new world is about to open up with new challenges, adventures, and success. As you move forward, remember we have always been there and loved you and we always will. Mom and Dad

Cindy A. Moore

You've left the pigtails behind, but your beautiful smile and loving personality have matured along with you. You're our special blessing, and our pride in you and your accomplishments exceeds words. God bless you always. All our love, Mom and Dad

Jeremy Poore

Yesterday, you were our little boy. Today you are about to start a new life. But always remember, tomorrow you will still be our son. May all of your dreams come true, like ours have of you. Love, Mom and Dad

Jennifer McAlhaney

You have turned into quite a lovely young lady. Through the years, you have brought us so much love and joy. Follow your dreams, and continue to grow. We love you, and are very proud of you. Keep smiling! Love, Mom and Dad

Erin Smith

Time has gone by quickly, and you are ready to go forward to great things! Your inner strengths, perseverance, faith in mankind, special humor, and beautiful outlook are inspiring. Never lose your sense of justice or enthusiasm! Always with love, Mom and Dad

Devin Sean Youngblood

Dear Devin, the years have passed so quickly! We are proud of the person that you are because of your honesty, sensitivity, sense of humor, and caring. May all your dreams come true. Always remember we love you. Mom and Dad

David Sapp

You met or exceeded every goal set before you. Your mom and I love you with all our hearts. The road ahead will not be easy. Believe in God, our love, and yourself always. Remember you are our pride and joy.

Haley R. Mathews

Haley, you are a true blessing from God. Always keep that same sweet spirit and smile! The sky is the limit with you, and we're behind you all the way. Remember, you have our full support and love. Love, Dad, Mom, and Gabe

Kimberley Renee Hill

Kimmie, from the sweet angel shown here, to the young lady of today, we have proudly shared your success and failures. As our only daughter, it is with pride and anguish that we look forward to your tomorrows. Love you always, Mom, Dad, Shawnathon, and Dwayne

Chris Nemec

You have always faced life with great tenacity and purpose. We're so proud of the man you are becoming, and look forward to seeing you take hold of life and the future. We love you! Keep looking up! Dad and Mom

Erik Chuprevich

You have always been a joy from the Lord. You are so creative and capable in all you do. We are very proud of you and know you will do great. Thank you for making our lives and family special. We love you very much, Mom, Dad, Rob, and Joel

Ricky Kilby

We thank God every day for you. You have blessed our lives greatly. With pride we've watched you grow into a loving, caring, and talented person. You have the qualities to succeed. Always believe in yourself. We are very proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Debbie

Josh Justice

You are my pride and joy. There will never be another like you. I know your future will be a bright one because of the honest, dependable, and hard working young man you have become. We love you. Mom, George, Jeremy, and Jamie

Karen Lynn Denton

To our daughter who has filled our lives with joy. You are truly special and we love you. May God bless you in everything you hope to accomplish. Love, Dad and Mom

Stephanie Summey

What a joy you have brought to us. Keep that smile and your competitive spirit, and you will surely succeed in life. God bless. We love you. Mom, Dad, Shelley, and Stephen

Amy Jones

You have been such a wonderful part of our lives. We are very proud of you and cherish the memories that you have given us. We wish you the very best as you go on to new beginnings. Mom and Dad

Jane Marie Turpin

To our Jane: Right from the moment that God gave you to us, you brought excitement and joy to our hearts. Your sharing and care for others has always been evident. May God continue to bless and guide you as you use this talent to serve Him. Love, Daddy and Mom

Scott Frazier

How time has passed since you were born. Dad would say, "That's my son" if he could know all of your accomplishments. I am so proud of you. May God keep you as you travel down the road of life. We love you. Mom and Amy

Keri Alexander Waldrop

From Lolly Dolly and Pacifier, to Mastercard and Little Blue Mazda. You've come a long way Baby, but the road has just begun. Have fun but be careful! Life is what you make it. Love, Mom, Dad, and Richard

Natalie Rachelle Martin

You have been more than we prayed for, bringing curiosity and enthusiasm to every day of our lives. You always set things in motion, with humor and your undying spirit! We are so proud of our beautiful, sensitive daughter. The future is yours. Love, Mom, Dad, and Diana

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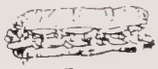

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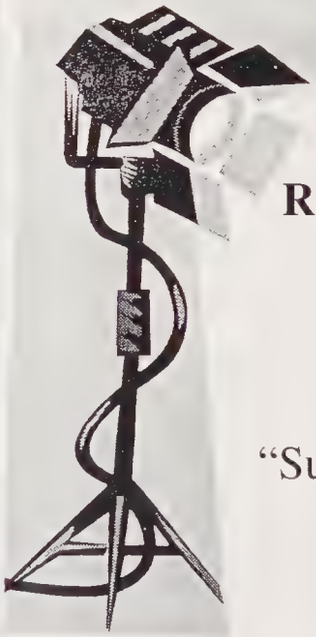

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The 1994 ***Westwind*** *was printed by the Delmar Company of Charlotte, North Carolina 28270. Cover material was black lexotone material #41075 on 160 pt. binder board. Applied colors/foils to the cover were Blue Pantone #279, FB-6 silver foil, and FB-8 red foil. The cover was embossed with New Mission graining pattern.*

Endsheet material was 65 lb. Beckett Alabaster. Front endsheet was printed in Panatone #279-C, black, and FB-8 red foil. Bank endsheet was printed in black and PMS colors #279-C and 032.

The yearbook was printed in off-set lithography. Paper stock was 80 lb. double coat Warren Gloss. Body copy throughout the yearbook was 12 pt./1 lead Adobe Garamond. Drop letters in the body copy were set in 60 pt. Adobe Garamond Semibold Italic. Captions were set in 10pt./1 lead Adobe Garamond Italic with introductory words in 12 pt. Helvetica Bold.

The mini-magazine body copy was set in 10pt./1 lead New Century Schoolbook. Headline types varied from section to section. Body copy, captions, and headlines were set through desktop publishing using Aldus Pagemaker 4.2 and Microsoft Word 4.0. Graphics were created in Aldus Freehand.

The 1994 ***Westwind*** *had a press run of 720 copies. It was again selected by the Delmar Company as one of its national sales samples. The 1993 Westwind won a PICA award for quality printing.*

All school portraits were taken by Ron and Gail Forester of the Delmar Company. Some photos for the mini-magazine were supplied by Worldwide Photos/Associated Press.

The 1993 ***Westwind*** *received an All-American rating from the National Scholastic Press Association with marks of distinction in concept, coverage, writing/editing, and design, and an All-North Carolina rating from the North Carolina Scholastic Press Association. In addition, the book received an All-Southern rating from the Southern Interscholastic Press Association and first place honors from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with All-Columbian recognition in writing, design, and photography.*

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The 1994 ***Westwind*** *staff wishes to thank the members of the* ***Wingspan*** *staff for support and assistance in the production of the yearbook. The staff also wishes to thank all the advertisers and parents who provided the financial support that made the book a reality. Finally, the staff would like to thank the students and faculty who made doing the book worthwhile.*

Signing Off

The senior yearbook staff, including Keri Waldrop, Laura Grissom, Rene Grabiel, Karen Denton, Suzanne Palmer, and Hope Huntley, led a staff of 25 students in preparing the 1994 ***Westwind****. Waldrop served as editor-in-chief.*

The View from the Inside . . .

Unless you have worked on a publication staff, it is hard to imagine all the work that it takes to prepare a 224-page yearbook. This year's *Westwind* is the largest yearbook the West Henderson staff has prepared using desktop publishing.

The idea for the book began last June at a summer workshop in Chapel Hill. After several long nights of brainstorming and designing we agreed on the theme, "Instant Impact."

We felt these words defined what the upcoming year, with its many changes and new experiences, including the extra class period and the addition of freshmen, would be like.

Now the many days spent working after school are at an end, and the Sunday afternoons we spent in the computer room in order to meet our deadlines are over. After the pictures have all been cropped, and the copy and captions written, after the proofs have all been checked, the corrections made, and the confusion and excitement of delivery and annual signing day have passed, we hope you will appreciate this book and the time we put into it. After all, we did it for you, the student body.

The book would never have been possible without the endless devotion of our adviser, Brenda Gorsuch. There is not space enough in the entire 224 pages to give her the credit she deserves. We love you, Mrs. G!

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Lastly, goodbye to those we leave behind, and to each and every one of you who made an impact in 1994, we thank you.

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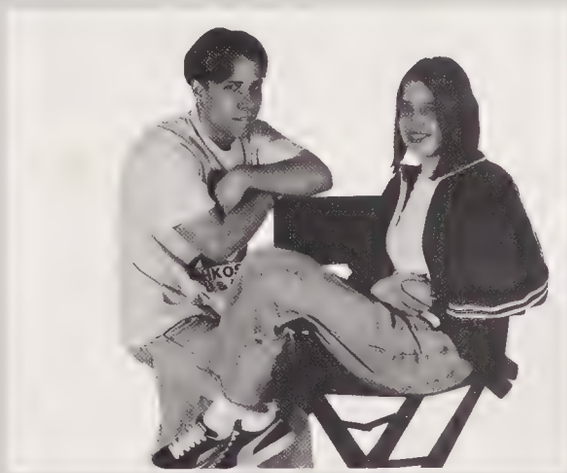

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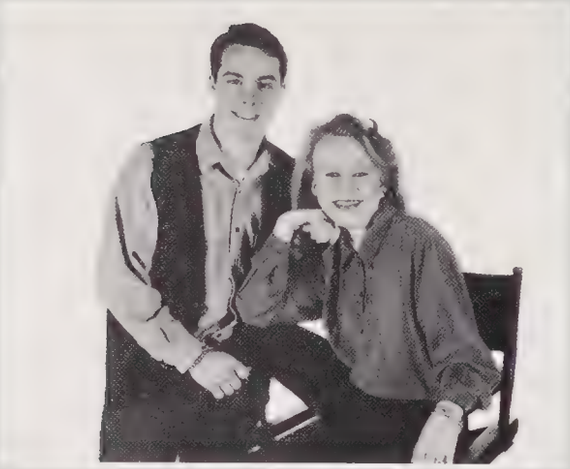

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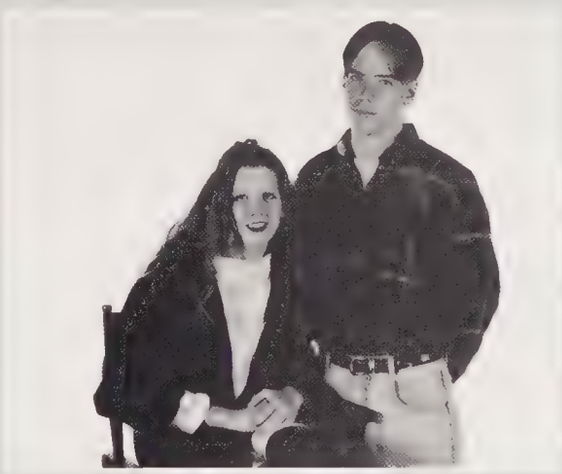

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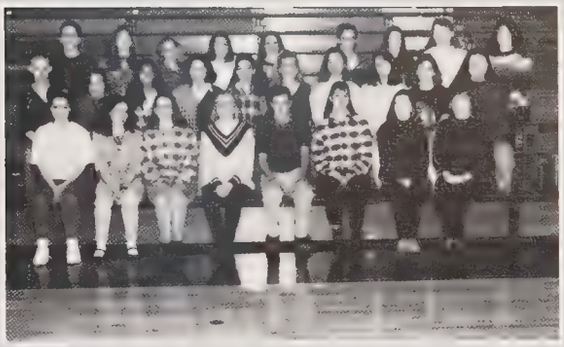

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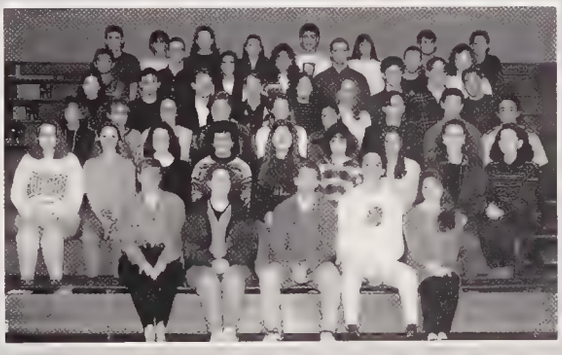

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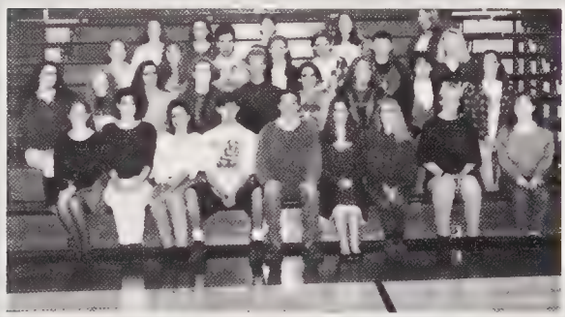

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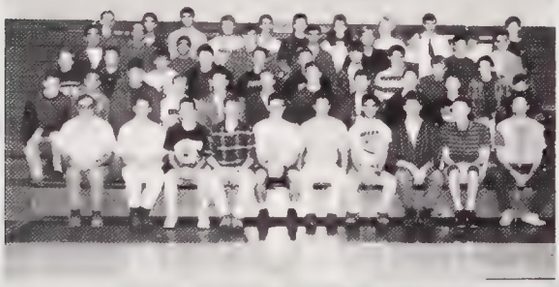

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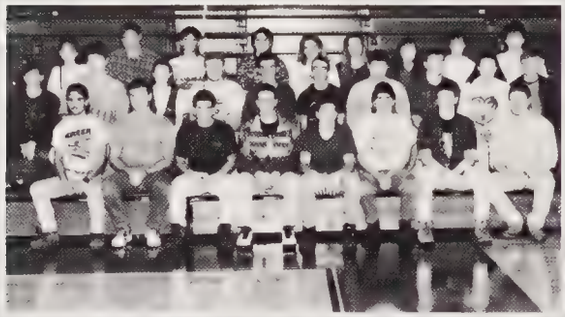

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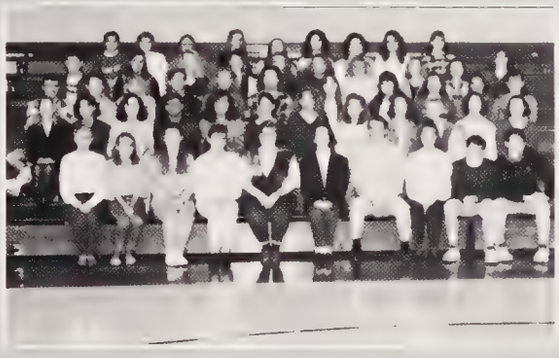

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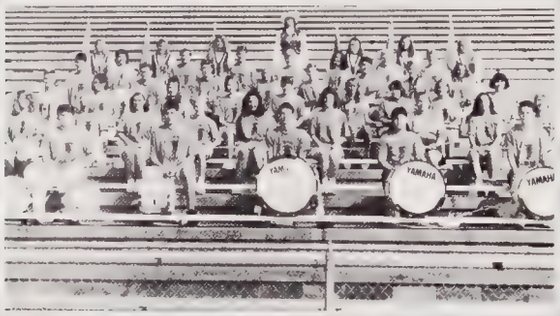

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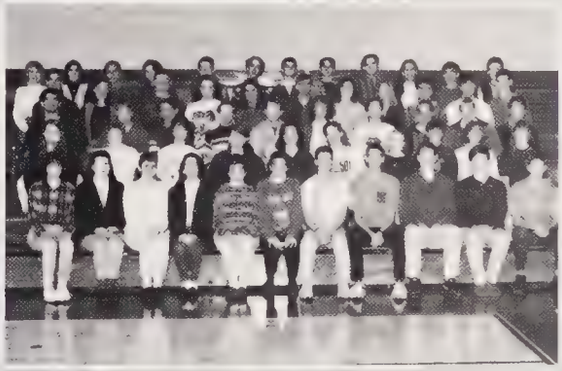

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INSTANT Impact

A RECORD-BREAKING winter brought ice and snow, keeping students at home and pushing graduation further into June. Missing school seemed fun until the continuing bad WEATHER created problems and INTERRUPTED spring break plans. A Sadie Hawkins dance and the Poetry Fair brightened the winter, and the end of the YEAR didn't seem so far way after the spring sports teams began practice in February. • • •

Poetry Alive
For the poetry performance category in the second annual Poetry Fair, seniors Natalie Martin and Kathy Barba recite "We Real Cool" by Gwendolyn Brooks. The fair was co-sponsored by the English, dance, and drama departments. Winners received certificates and cash prizes in several categories.

Drill Instructor

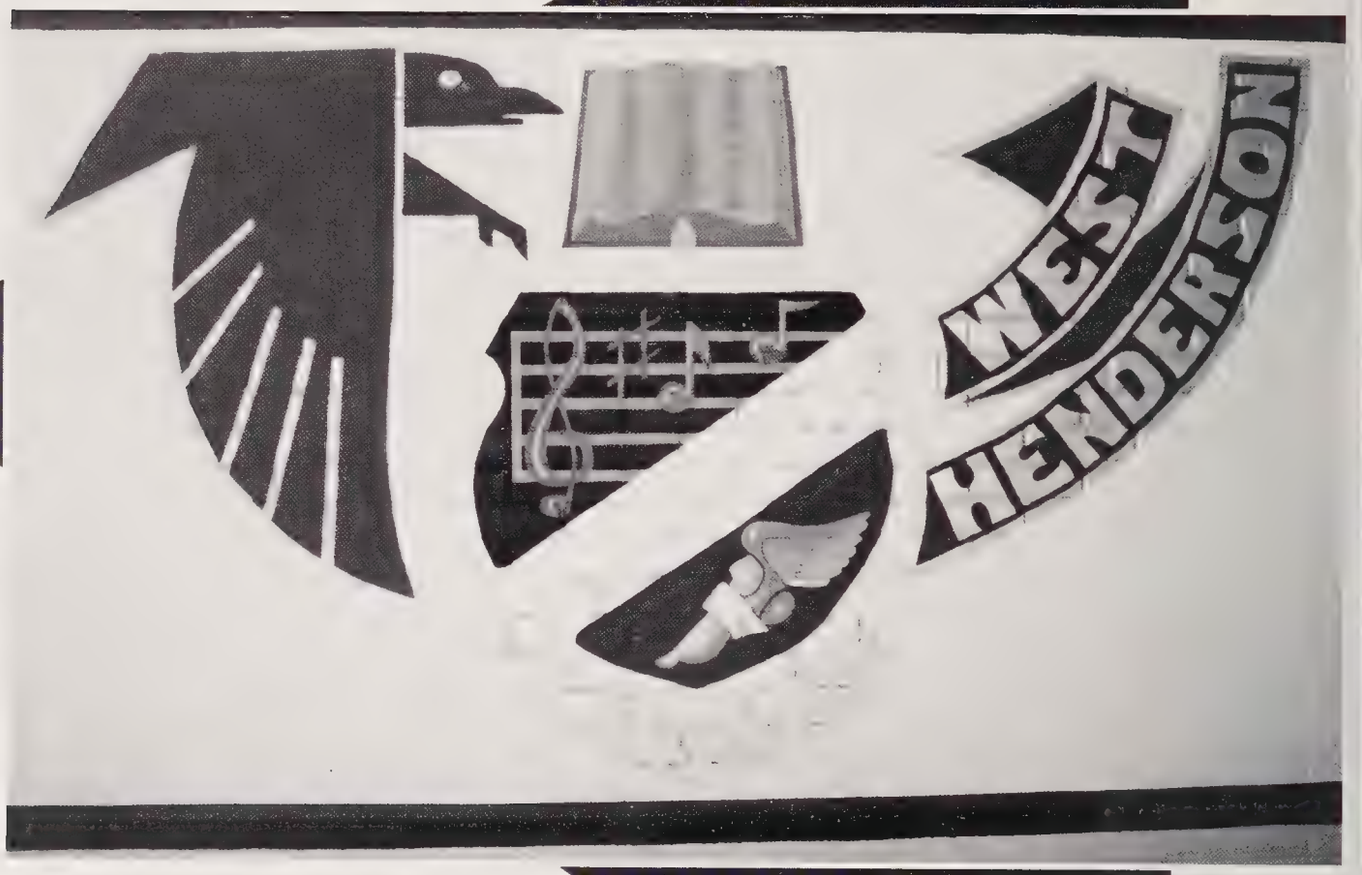
As the new JROTC program gets organized in the fall, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Weeks gives orders to senior Jeremy Poore. Poore was a first lieutenant for the cadets.

Clown Around

For a dress-up day in the fall, sophomore Jenny Case joins in by wearing a costume to school.

Falcon Pride

Art students add a new symbol of school tradition to the wall in the commons area. One goal of new principal Kathy Revis was to improve the campus and give students more reasons to be proud of their school.



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